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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION**

**T-NETIX, INC.**

***Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant***

**v.**

**VALUE-ADDED COMMUNICATIONS,  
INC.**

***Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff***

**v.**

**SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

***Counter-Defendant***

**Case No. 3-05-654-D**

**VALUE-ADDED COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S APPENDIX IN SUPPORT  
OF ITS OBJECTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE'S  
MARCH 28, 2013 FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I hereby certify that I have served all counsel of record electronically or by another manner authorized by F.R.Civ.P. 5(b)(2).

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**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATION**

Pursuant to the District Court's *Order of Reference* (Doc. 228), filed October 31, 2012, the Court has considered *Defendant's Motion for Order to Show Cause Why T-Netix, Inc., Securus Technologies, Inc., Richard A. Smith, Dennis J. Reinhold, and Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank, LLP Should Not Be Held in Contempt of Court for Violation of the Court's March 3, 2006 Protective Order* (Doc. 202), filed August 24, 2012. The Court also has considered Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank LLP's ("Gruber Hurst's") *Motion Seeking Leave to Purge McAlexander Rebuttal Report* (Doc. 263) ("*Motion to Purge*"). On February 25, 2013, the Court conducted a hearing to determine whether to certify facts to the District Judge of the alleged contempt of (1) T-Netix, Inc., Securus Technologies, Inc., Richard A. Smith, Dennis J. Reinhold ("the T-Netix parties"), and (2) Gruber Hurst (collectively, "the Respondents"). Various witnesses and Respondents appeared in person before the undersigned through counsel and gave testimony. Based on the parties' pleadings, the evidence presented at the hearing, and the parties' post-hearing briefs, the undersigned recommends that the District Court **DENY**

*Defendant's Motion for Order to Show Cause* and **GRANT** Gruber Hurst's *Motion to Purge*.

## **I. BACKGROUND**

This case was commenced in April 2005 when T-Netix filed a patent infringement complaint against VAC. (Doc. 1). Subsequently, VAC filed a counterclaim against T-Netix and its parent company, Securus. (Doc. 26). Non-party Respondent Richard Smith is the Chief Executive Officer and President of Securus. Non-party Respondent Dennis Reinhold is the Vice-President, General Counsel, and Secretary of Securus.

On March 3, 2006, the District Court entered the Agreed Protective Order that is the subject of the current dispute. (Doc. 44). The Agreed Protective Order contained the following provisions:

Documents designated COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION and contents thereof shall be available only to counsel for the parties, the technical advisers who are assisting them, data processing vendors and graphics and trial consultants. . .

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION and COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION shall be held in confidence by each person to whom it is disclosed, shall be used only for purposes of this litigation, shall not be used for any business or other purpose, and shall not be disclosed to any person who is not entitled to receive such information as expressly provided herein. All produced CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION and COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION shall be carefully maintained so as to preclude access by persons who are not entitled to receive such information. . .

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION or COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION shall not be copied or otherwise reproduced by a receiving party, except for transmission to qualified recipients, without the written permission of the producing party, or, in the alternative, by further order of the Court.

(Gruber Hurst Binder Ex. 1 at ¶¶ 16, 19, 23). The Agreed Protective Order also required that, within 60 days of the entry of judgment or settlement, each party would either return confidential

information to the producing party or destroy same. *Id.* at ¶ 26. “Counsel” was defined as “outside attorneys retained by the parties to work on this litigation.” *Id.* at ¶9. “Counsel” would thus include the Pittman and Bell Nunnally law firms, who are counsel of record for T-Netix and Securus in this case.

In the instant *Motion for Order to Show Cause*, VAC claims that it learned in late 2007 that T-Netix/Securus first violated the Agreed Protective Order when they disseminated in a state court proceeding and provided to Non-party Respondent Gruber Hurst a rebuttal expert report prepared by Joseph C. McAlexander (“the McAlexander Report”).<sup>1</sup> (Doc. 204 at 5-6). VAC contends that the McAlexander Report discussed the validity of certain patents in this action and contained confidential information and lengthy block quotations from “Counsel Eyes Only” VAC documents. *Id.* In December 2007, VAC filed a *Motion to Enforce the Agreed Protective Order, for Civil Contempt, Sanctions and Injunctive Relief* (“*Motion to Enforce*”).<sup>2</sup> (Doc. 155).

Pursuant to an *Order of Reference*, Magistrate Judge Sanderson held a hearing on April 16, 2008. At the hearing, Mike Bowers with the Bell Nunnally firm appeared as counsel for T-Netix/Securus. He acknowledged that the McAlexander Report had been produced to Gruber Hurst and then inadvertently produced by Gruber Hurst in a case pending in the Eastern District of Texas. (Doc. 204, Ex. A at 46-47). Bowers argued, however, that Gruber Hurst was permitted to possess the McAlexander Report because that firm was also representing T-

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<sup>1</sup> Gruber Hurst has appeared as counsel for T-Netix/Securus in patent litigation filed in Texas and elsewhere although that firm was not counsel of record in this particular case.

<sup>2</sup> When this case subsequently settled, the *Motion to Enforce* was one of several documents in this action that was “withdrawn and permanently sealed” by agreement of the parties. *See* Doc. 200.



Netix/Securus and was therefore subject to the Agreed Protective Order. *Id.* at 50-52. VAC's counsel, Stephanie Clouston, asserted that Gruber Hurst was not counsel of record in this case. *Id.* at 57-58.

Eric Tautfest, then a Gruber Hurst partner, stated during the hearing that Gruber Hurst had expert reports and discovery responses relating to the instant case because the firm was working with the Pittman and Bell Nunnally firms for the benefit of their mutual clients, T-Netix/Securus. *Id.* at 69. As to the reports and discovery documents, Judge Sanderson instructed that Gruber Hurst needed to return them right away until the firm formally entered an appearance in the case. *Id.* at 69-70. Bowers stated that the documents would be returned that day. *Id.*

Later that month, Judge Sanderson issued a recommendation to the District Court on VAC's *Motion to Enforce*.<sup>3</sup> (Doc. 184 at 9). Judge Sanderson noted that Tautfest "agreed - pursuant to the undersigned magistrate judge's oral directive at the hearing - that copies of any documents which had been produced by VAC in this case under the agreed protective order and which the Gruber law firm had received from T-Netix's counsel of record in this case would be destroyed or returned by the Gruber law firm unless or until the Gruber law firm entered its formal appearance as counsel of record for T-Netix in this action." *Id.* at 6. Judge Sanderson noted that Gruber Hurst's argument that the firm represented T-Netix/Securus in the instant case was "incredible and wholly unworthy of belief." *Id.* at 7.

Judge Sanderson then recommended that the District Court find that T-Netix and its counsel of record, the Pittman and Bell Nunnally law firms, "knowingly and deliberately"

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<sup>3</sup> Judge Sanderson's recommendation was subsequently removed from the record and sealed pursuant to the parties' joint dismissal motion. (Doc. 200).

violated the Agreed Protective Order. *Id.* at 8. Nevertheless, Judge Sanderson declined to recommend injunctive relief or disqualify counsel from representing T-Netix as VAC requested because, *inter alia*, the McAlexander Report had been clawed back by Gruber Hurst and either returned to VAC or destroyed. *Id.* at 9-10. Instead, Judge Sanderson recommended an award of costs and attorneys' fees in VAC's favor or, alternatively, a finding of civil contempt against the respondents. *Id.* at 11. In August 2008, prior to the District Court's consideration of Judge Sanderson's recommendation, the parties settled the action. (Doc. 199).

Four years later, VAC moved to reopen this case and filed the instant motion against the Respondents. (Doc. 201). VAC alleged that subsequent to the settlement and dismissal of this case, Gruber Hurst filed patent infringement actions against other defendants on behalf of T-Netix and Securus, namely (1) *T-Netix, Inc. v. Combined Public Communications, Inc.*, 3:09-cv-00743-CRS-DW, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky ("the Combined Action"); and (2) *T-Netix, Inc. v. Pinnacle Public Services LLC*, 2:09-cv-00333-JRG, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (the "Pinnacle Action"). (Doc. 204 at 9). VAC contended that it subsequently learned that Gruber Hurst had improperly produced the McAlexander Report in discovery in at least one of those matters. *Id.* at 9-10. VAC asserted that Gruber Hurst violated Paragraphs 16, 19, 23, and 26 of the Agreed Protective Order by (1) failing to destroy or return the McAlexander Report within 60 days of the dismissal of this case; (2) disseminating the McAlexander Report in the Combined Action; and (3) possibly disseminating the McAlexander Report in the Pinnacle Action. *Id.* at 9-12.

As to individual Respondents Smith and Reinhold, VAC argued that a corporation can only act through the individuals who operate it and, to the extent the Court found that Smith and

Reinhold had directed, participated in, or condoned the violations of the Agreed Protective Order, they should be held in contempt as well. *Id.* at 14. VAC maintained that sanctions against Gruber Hurst were appropriate because, as a non-party to the case, it never should have had the McAlexander Report in the first place and, even after it obtained a copy, it wrongly kept it. *Id.* at 16.

Respondents opposed VAC's *Motion to Reopen*, arguing that they were voluntarily complying with the Agreed Protective Order, and Gruber Hurst had immediately clawed back the McAlexander Report, which Gruber Hurst partner Tony Magee had unknowingly produced in the Combined and Pinnacle Actions. (Doc. 218 at 3-5; Doc. 219 at 8-14). Over Respondents' opposition, the District Court reopened the case. (Doc. 228).

## **II. EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

On February 25, 2013, the parties appeared before the undersigned for a hearing. At the outset of the hearing, counsel for Gruber Hurst noted that VAC had argued in the prior contempt proceeding, and Judge Sanderson had found, that Gruber Hurst was not entitled to have the McAlexander Report because the firm was not a party to the Agreed Protective Order. (Doc. 274 at 6-7). Gruber Hurst asserted that VAC, thus, was estopped from arguing in the instant proceeding that Gruber Hurst should be held in contempt for violating the Agreed Protective Order. *Id.*

The Court subsequently heard testimony from Clouston, who discussed the events that underlay the initial contempt proceedings before Judge Sanderson, as well as the circumstances that led to the instant proceedings relating to the McAlexander Report. Clouston stated that immediately following the contempt hearing held by Judge Sanderson in 2008, Gruber Hurst

returned all confidential documents, including the McAlexander Report, to the Bell Nunnally firm, which then returned the documents to Clouston as counsel for VAC. *Id.* at 26-30.

Clouston averred that on August 24, 2010, she received a phone call from Magee inquiring whether she would ask VAC whether it would agree to allow Magee to produce “certain documents” from the instant case in the Combined and Pinnacle Actions. *Id.* at 32-33, 69-70. Clouston testified that she told Magee she did not believe VAC would agree to that because some of the documents he appeared to be asking for had been central in a “prior contempt proceeding” or “prior proceeding,” and VAC subsequently did decline to allow the production. *Id.* at 35-36, 72-73. Clouston averred that she did not go into any detail with Magee about what she meant by “prior proceeding,” but Magee appeared to understand what she meant. *Id.* at 73-74.

The next day, Magee e-mailed Clouston that he was following up on a letter his associate had sent to VAC, asking whether VAC would allow T-Netix/Securus to produce, in the Combined Action, the settlement agreement and patent license agreement entered in this case as well as any materials that related to invalidity contentions. *Id.* at 62-69; Gruber Hurst Binder Exs. 9, 13. Clouston testified that Magee did not indicate to her at that time that he had the McAlexander Report, that he had any knowledge of the Report, or that the Report had been produced to opposing counsel in any other case. (Doc. 274 at 35, 70-71).

Clouston subsequently began representing Combined in the Combined Action. *Id.* at 37. In going through the discovery in the case, she noticed a reference to the McAlexander Report in an August 27, 2010 letter from Magee to Clouston’s predecessor counsel. *Id.* at 39-41; VAC Binder Ex. 11. In the letter, Magee noted that he had inadvertently produced the McAlexander

Report, which was protected from disclosure by a protective order in this case but, “as indicated in previous discussions,” he was talking with VAC to see if it would consent to permit production of the Report. (VAC Binder Ex. 11). After Clouston spoke with her law partners, it was decided that VAC should be notified that the McAlexander Report had been produced in other litigation in violation of the Agreed Protective Order. (Doc. 274 at 43). Upon examination by counsel for the T-Netix parties, Clouston testified that she had no knowledge that Securus, T-Netix, Reinhold, or Smith had provided a copy of the McAlexander Report to Gruber Hurst or asked Gruber Hurst to provide that document to any party in any lawsuit. *Id.* at 100-01.

VAC’s only other witness was Respondent Reinhold, and he categorically testified that Securus “did not have the document,” and, “[w]e still don’t have the document. We’ve never had the document.” *Id.* at 115. Reinhold also averred that he had an electronic search run which did not find the document in Securus’s possession. In his words, “I wanted to make sure we did not have the document. I knew we did not have the document, because I had never seen it, nor had anyone in my office ever seen it, and so we did a search this past week.” *Id.* at 114.

Gruber Hurst attorney Tony Magee testified as follows: He joined Gruber Hurst on September 2, 2008, after the instant case had settled. *Id.* at 239. In September 2009, he filed the Pinnacle and Combined actions on behalf of T-Netix/Securus. *Id.* at 240. The McAlexander Report was found in Gruber Hurst’s archives after he had the firm’s document vendor search for all documents the firm had produced in a previous patent case so that Magee could use the same production in the Combined and Pinnacle Actions, which involved similar patents. *Id.* at 241-48. The vendor’s search led to the location of several hundred thousand images, including the McAlexander Report, which Magee then produced in the Combined and Pinnacle Actions. *Id.* at

248-50, 298. At the time, Magee was unaware of the existence of the McAlexander Report and the prior contempt proceeding in this case. *Id.* at 241-42, 250.

He subsequently learned from opposing counsel in the Combined Action that he had included some potentially privileged documents in his discovery response. *Id.* at 253-55. In an effort to assemble a privilege log to claw back the privileged documents, on August 24, 2010, Magee obtained the privilege log used in the prior case that he had pulled the discovery responses from. *Id.* at 260-61; Gruber Hurst Binder Ex. 11. The privilege log was 41 pages long and listed 288 documents, including the McAlexander Report at item number 166 on page 23. (Doc. 274 at 262-64; Gruber Hurst Binder Ex. 26). Magee averred that when he spoke to Clouston on the phone that same day, he still was unaware of the McAlexander Report. (Doc. 274 at 263). Over the course of the next two days, Magee determined which of the documents on the privilege log had been produced in the Combined Action and he reviewed them individually to determine whether it was worth clawing them back. *Id.* at 270-71.

During the review process, Magee came across the McAlexander Report and was confused about why an expert report was marked “privileged.” *Id.* at 272. He asked an associate at the firm, who told him that the McAlexander Report was not privileged, but it was subject to a protective order, Gruber Hurst was not supposed to have it, and it had to be clawed back from Combined. *Id.* at 272-73. Magee believed that he learned this on August 26, 2010. *Id.* at 301. Magee thus amended the privilege log he was drafting for the Combined Action to note that the McAlexander Report was being clawed back because it was subject to a protective order, not privileged. *Id.* at 273. On August 27, 2010, Magee sent the privilege log to counsel in the Combined Action, noting that the basis for withholding the McAlexander Report was that it was

subject to a protective order and explaining that he was willing to produce the Report with the consent of VAC with whom he was in discussion. *Id.* at 274-75.

Magee denied that he had spoken with Clouston about the McAlexander Report or that Clouston had ever told him about the contempt proceeding. *Id.* at 282. Magee said that while he spoke with Clouston in this timeframe, he did not know about the McAlexander Report when they talked, and he called her because he wanted VAC's permission to disclose to Combined two other documents from this case. *Id.* at 263, 264-65. Regarding the follow-up e-mail Magee had sent to Clouston the day after they spoke, Magee acknowledged that the e-mail said he had "not seen the contentions because they were covered by a protective order." *Id.* at 267; (Gruber Hurst, Binder Ex. 13). He testified, however, that he was not referring to the McAlexander Report and, in fact, had no idea that the McAlexander Report had anything to do with invalidity contentions because that was not information referenced on the privilege log. *Id.* at 263-64; Gruber Hurst, Binder Exs. 13, 26; (Ex. 26 privilege log, listing Bates Number "ST200646-200760 - Rebuttal Report of Joseph Alexander (VAC case) - Attorney Client and Work Product").

Magee also testified at length regarding the measures Gruber Hurst undertook to alleviate VAC's concerns about dissemination of the McAlexander Report. He stated that the firm verbally offered to have a forensic expert determine where the McAlexander Report was in Gruber Hurst's system and purge it at Gruber Hurst's expense, but VAC's counsel rejected the offer. (Doc. 274 at 288-90). Gruber Hurst then repeated that offer in writing, suggested a potential forensic expert, and forwarded the proposed expert's resume to VAC's counsel. *Id.* at 290-92; Gruber Hurst Binder Ex. 20. VAC's counsel advised that such a measure did not mitigate Gruber Hurst's past actions and did not affect the pending contempt matters. (Gruber

Hurst Binder Ex. 21).

On examination by T-Netix/Securus's counsel, Magee stated that he had never received a copy of the McAlexander Report from any of the T-Netix parties or affiliates, nor had any of those parties ever directed him to produce a copy of the Report in the Combined or Pinnacle Actions. (Doc. 274 at 292-93).

At the close of the evidence, the Court directed the parties to submit post-hearing briefs on the issues of (1) whether Gruber Hurst was subject to the Agreed Protective Order; (2) whether VAC was estopped from arguing that Gruber Hurst was subject to the Agreed Protective Order in light of the position it took in the 2008 contempt proceedings before Judge Sanderson; and (3) whether Gruber Hurst violated Judge Sanderson's directive about the destruction or return of the McAlexander Report and, if so, whether sanctions were appropriate. *Id.* at 320-24.

### **III. APPLICABLE LAW**

To satisfy the clear and convincing standard necessary to justify a finding of civil contempt, the movant's evidence must be "so clear, direct and weighty and convincing as to enable the fact finder to come to a clear conviction, without hesitancy, of the truth of the precise facts of the case." *Test Masters Educ. Servs., Inc. v. Singh*, 428 F.3d 559, 582 (5th Cir. 2005) (quotation omitted). The movant must prove that (1) a court order was in effect; (2) the order required certain conduct by the respondent; and (3) the respondent failed to comply with the court order. *Id.* at 581-82.

### **IV. ARGUMENTS AND ANALYSIS**

#### ***A. Whether Gruber Hurst Can Be Subject to Contempt Under the Agreed Protective Order***

Gruber Hurst contends that VAC is judicially estopped from arguing that Gruber Hurst is



a party to the Agreed Protective Order because VAC espoused the opposite position in the 2008 briefing and hearing before Judge Sanderson on its *Motion to Enforce*. (Doc. 271 at 4-7).

Further, Gruber Hurst argues that because Judge Sanderson determined that the firm was not a party to the Agreed Protective Order, VAC is also collaterally estopped from relitigating that issue. *Id.* at 7-8. Moreover, Gruber Hurst asserts, it is not liable for having “acted with” an enjoined party to violate the Agreed Protective Order because the evidence demonstrates that it did not conspire with any of the other Respondents to use or possess the McAlexander Report. *Id.* at 9-10. Even if there were any evidence to support VAC’s aiding and abetting theory, Gruber Hurst maintains that it acted in good faith by immediately clawing back the McAlexander Report from opposing counsel in the Combined and Pinnacle actions. *Id.* at 10-11. Finally, Gruber Hurst asserts that VAC is estopped from arguing that Tautfest’s execution of the Confidentiality Agreement attached to the Agreed Protective Order brought Gruber Hurst within its scope. (Doc. 285 at 3-4).

VAC urges that it has not taken inconsistent positions that would warrant application of the doctrine of judicial estoppel. (Doc. 269 at 2). In particular, VAC contends that it takes the same position now as it did in the hearing before Judge Sanderson, which is that Gruber Hurst never should have had the McAlexander Report because it was not counsel of record in this action. *Id.* at 2, 7-8. VAC submits that Gruber Hurst’s judicial estoppel argument is based on the false premise that VAC argued (and Judge Sanderson found) that Gruber Hurst was not “subject to” the Agreed Protective Order. VAC maintains that its complaint about Gruber Hurst’s conduct in 2008 – and the basis of Judge Sanderson’s ruling – was that the firm should not have had the McAlexander Report because it was not counsel of record. *Id.* at 3-8.

In short, VAC asserts that the fact that Gruber Hurst was not a signatory to the Agreed Protective Order and that it has never been counsel in this action does not mean that Gruber Hurst cannot be held in contempt for its admitted violation of the Agreed Protective Order because (1) Gruber Hurst was at all times the agent of Securus/T-Netix; and (2) prior to its dissemination of the McAlexander Report in the Combined and Pinnacle Actions in 2010, Gruber Hurst had actual knowledge of the Agreed Protective Order. *Id.* at 4. Thus, VAC maintains, Gruber Hurst's retention and dissemination of the McAlexander Report in the Pinnacle and Combined Actions was for the benefit of Securus/T-Netix and as part of Gruber Hurst's coordination of efforts with the Bell Nunnally firm, which supports a finding of contempt against Gruber Hurst. *Id.* at 9-11. VAC further notes that Tautfest executed a Confidentiality Agreement stating that he would keep all information provided to him in this case confidential and acknowledging that he was subject to the authority of the Court if the Agreed Protective Order was violated.<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 10-11 (citing Gruber Hurst Binder Ex.2).

Courts in the Fifth Circuit generally consider three criteria when evaluating a defense of judicial estoppel, including whether: "(1) the party against whom judicial estoppel is sought has asserted a legal position that is 'plainly inconsistent' with a position asserted in a prior case; (2) the court in the prior case accepted that party's original position, thus creating the perception that one or both courts were misled; and (3) the party to be estopped has not acted inadvertently." *In re Oparaji*, 698 F.3d 231, 235-36 (5th Cir. 2012) (citing *Love v. Tyson Foods, Inc.*, 677 F.3d 258, 261 (5th Cir. 2012)). The purpose of the judicial estoppel doctrine is to protect the integrity

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<sup>4</sup> VAC and Gruber Hurst also have filed responses to each other's post-hearing briefs that largely reiterate their original arguments and thus will not be extensively summarized here. (Docs. 281, 285).

of the judicial process by preventing parties “from playing fast and loose with the courts” to suit their self interests. *In re Coastal Plains, Inc.*, 179 F.3d 197, 205 (5th Cir. 1999).

In the 2008 contempt proceeding, VAC (1) objected to the Bell Nunnally firm’s assertion that Gruber Hurst was counsel in this case, and (2) argued that Gruber Hurst was not entitled to see VAC’s confidential documents and expert reports because it was not counsel of record. (Doc. 204, Ex. A at 12-13, 22-24, 26-29, 56-57, 67-68). Judge Sanderson agreed and determined that Gruber Hurst should not have copies of the McAlexander Report or other confidential documents until the firm entered a formal notice of appearance in the case. *Id.* at 68-69, 71.

Under these circumstances, VAC is judicially estopped from arguing that Gruber Hurst is subject to the terms of the Agreed Protective Order and can thus be held in contempt for violating it. *See* Doc. 204 at 10-12 (stating at p. 10 that the McAlexander Report should never have been in the hands of Gruber Hurst because they were not outside counsel of record in this action; stating at pp. 12, 15-16 that Gruber Hurst’s possession of the McAlexander Report violated the Agreed Protective Order, and Gruber Hurst should be held in contempt due to its knowledge of the Order). The applicability of the Agreed Protective Order to Gruber Hurst in this proceeding is dependent on Gruber Hurst being T-Netix/Securus’s counsel of record in this case, and VAC taking that position would be “plainly inconsistent” with its position in the 2008 contempt hearing; (2) Judge Sanderson accepted VAC’s original position; and (3) VAC did not act inadvertently in taking that position. *Oparaji*, 698 F.3d at 235-36. Even though Gruber Hurst is not bound by the terms of the Agreed Protective Order as a signatory, the Court still must consider whether Gruber Hurst can be held in contempt for conspiring with one of the other Respondents to violate the Agreed Protective Order.

The general rule in a civil contempt proceeding is that a party need not intend to violate an injunction to be found in contempt. *See McComb v. Jacksonville Paper Co.*, 336 U.S. 187, 191 (1949). However, the rule is different when it comes to non-parties like Gruber Hurst. A non-party can be subject to contempt sanctions if it “acts with” an enjoined party to bring about a result prohibited by court order, but only if the non-party is aware of the order and knows that its acts are in violation. *Additive Controls & Measurement Systems, Inc. v. Flowdata, Inc.*, 154 F.3d 1345, 1353 (5th Cir. 1998), quoting *Waffenschmidt v. MacKay*, 763 F.2d 711, 723-26, 726 (5th Cir. 1985) ( “Although good faith is irrelevant as a defense to a civil contempt order, good faith is relevant to whether [a non-party] aided or abetted [an enjoined party] in dissipating the funds with knowledge that it was violating the court’s orders.”) (alterations in original); *Merial Ltd. v. Cipla Ltd.*, 681 F.3d 1283, 1304-05 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (stating that a non-party to an injunction may not be held in contempt for its wholly independent conduct and noting that *Additive Controls* held that a finding of contempt requires that the non-party “act[ed] with an enjoined party to bring about a result forbidden by the injunction . . . if they are aware of the injunction and know that their acts violate the injunction.”). Thus, a court order binds not only the parties subject thereto, but also non-parties who act with the enjoined party, although a showing of wilfulness must be shown before a non-party can be found held liable. *See NLRB v. Laborers’ Int’l Union of N. Am., AFL-CIO*, 882 F.2d 949, 954 (5th Cir. 1989) (“[A]ny party who knowingly aids, abets, or conspires with another to evade an injunction or order of a court is also in contempt of that court.”).

In *Whitcraft v. Brown*, 570 F.3d 268, 272 (5th Cir. 2009), the district court held that an attorney violated the court’s freeze order, which prohibited his client (and the client’s officers,

agents, employees, attorneys, etc.) from spending funds or disbursing assets in the client's possession. The appeals court upheld the district court's ruling, noting that the freeze order clearly bound the attorney, and the attorney had actual notice of the order. 570 F.3d at 272. Further, the district court determined that counsel had acted in "active concert or participation" with his client by (1) participating in discussions about how to get funds to his client, (2) approving the sale of a painting, and (3) permitting his office to be used as the place to consummate the sale. *Id.* The appellate court found that the attorney's actions in facilitating the sale of the painting "aided or abetted [the client] . . . with knowledge that [the client] was violating the court's orders." *Id.*

In *Waffenschmidt*, the court noted that good faith was relevant in considering whether a non-party bank had knowingly aided or abetted the defendant in dissipating funds in violation of a temporary restraining order. 763 F.2d at 726. The bank had relied on the defendant's assurances and required him to pledge a note as collateral when it loaned him money. The appellate court found that when the bank, on the defendant's instructions, applied the proceeds of the security to the defendant's debts, it did not knowingly violate a court order, because the restraining order had expired and the bank had not received a copy of the preliminary injunction. *Id.* The appellate court noted that while the bank might have been negligent, it did "not affect the conclusion that the [b]ank did not actively aid or abet [defendant] with knowledge that it was violating the court's orders." *Id.*

In this case, VAC did not present any evidence that Gruber Hurst "acted with" or "actively aided or abetted" T-Netix/Securus, Reinhold, Smith, or anyone at the Pittman or Bell Nunnally law firms to violate the Agreed Protective Order by disseminating the McAlexander

Report to opposing counsel in the Combined and Pinnacle Actions. *Additive Controls*, 154 F.3d at 1353; *Waffenschmidt*, 773 F.2d at 726. Clouston testified that she was aware of no such evidence. (Doc. 274 at 100-01). Reinhold testified that T-Netix/Securus never had possession of the document, and no one there had ever even seen it. *Id.* at 114-15. There is no evidence in the record to suggest that the Pittman or Bell Nunnally law firms had any further involvement with the McAlexander Report after they returned it to VAC and settled this case in 2008. Although VAC argues at length that Gruber Hurst generally engaged in “coordinated activity” with Bell Nunnally and T-Netix/Securus in litigating various causes of action, VAC has not shown that those parties engaged in any coordinated activity *to violate the Agreed Protective Order* in connection with the 2010 disclosure of the McAlexander Report, which is the required showing in this Circuit. *Additive Controls*, 154 F.3d at 1353; *NLRB*, 882 F.2d at 954; *Waffenschmidt*, 773 F.2d at 726.

Gruber Hurst partner Magee testified that the production of the McAlexander Report in the Combined and Pinnacle Actions was solely the error of Gruber Hurst. Magee recalled in detail the manner in which the McAlexander Report was found, and the Court finds his testimony to be credible in all material respects. In particular, Magee averred that the McAlexander Report was located in Gruber Hurst’s archives by the firm’s document vendor when Magee was searching for documents the firm had produced in a previous patent case so that he could replicate that production in the Combined and Pinnacle Actions. *Id.* at 241-48. The McAlexander Report was included in Magee’s document production together with approximately 600,000 other images, and the Court thus deems it credible that Magee was not aware of its existence until after he had already produced the Report in the Combined and Pinnacle Actions.

*Id.* at 241-42, 248-50. Further, the Court finds credible Magee's testimony that he was unaware of the prior contempt proceedings in this action given that he did not start to work at Gruber Hurst until after the instant action was dismissed. *Id.* at 239. For these reasons, VAC has not shown that Gruber Hurst "acted with" or "actively aided or abetted" T-Netix/Securus, Reinhold, Smith, or anyone at the Pittman or Bell Nunnally law firms to violate Paragraphs 16, 19, or 23 of the Agreed Protective Order by disseminating the McAlexander Report to opposing counsel in the Combined or Pinnacle Actions. *Additive Controls*, 154 F.3d at 1353; *Waffenschmidt*, 773 F.2d at 726. Accordingly, the Court cannot find that Gruber Hurst violated the Agreed Protective Order. Thus, *Defendant's Motion for Order to Show Cause Why T-Netix, Inc., Securus Technologies, Inc., Richard A. Smith, Dennis J. Reinhold, and Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank, LLP Should Not Be Held in Contempt of Court for Violation of the Court's March 3, 2006 Protective Order* (Doc. 202) should be **DENIED** as to Gruber Hurst.

***B. Violation of Judge Sanderson's Directive***

VAC further asserts that the current proceeding encompasses Gruber Hurst's conduct after the 2008 hearing before Judge Sanderson and Gruber Hurst's failure to comply with Judge Sanderson's directive to either (1) return or destroy the confidential materials it possessed or (2) enter an appearance in this action. (Doc. 269 at 2). VAC contends that the key factor in Judge Sanderson's decision not to recommend injunctive relief was his understanding that Tautfest had agreed at the contempt hearing to destroy or return the confidential documents. *Id.* at 11. VAC maintains that Gruber Hurst's efforts to purge their files of the McAlexander Report were ineffectual and half-hearted, and Magee exacerbated the problem by failing to substantively review the archived documents he located before producing them in the Combined and Pinnacle

Actions. *Id.* at 12.

VAC points out that Gruber Hurst's former paralegal testified that she did not search desktop computers, personal laptops, or any cell phones that might have contained the McAlexander Report, and she could not recall whether she checked any firm laptops; thus, the Report still might exist within Gruber Hurst. (Doc. 281 at 9) (citing Doc. 274 at 235-37). VAC maintains that if Gruber Hurst had taken its purge responsibilities seriously, it would have confirmed the purge with its information technology vendor – the same vendor that apparently transferred the firm over to a new database two weeks later and included the McAlexander Report in the documents transferred. *Id.* at 10. VAC urges that a contempt sanction against Gruber Hurst is warranted, and the Court can recommend such a sanction based on its inherent authority and Gruber Hurst's repeated instances of bad faith conduct. *Id.* at 13-15.

As an initial matter, Gruber Hurst argues that the undersigned cannot consider whether the firm's conduct violated Judge Sanderson's directive because that is outside the scope of VAC's application for an order to show cause and the District Court's *Order of Reference*. (Doc. 271 at 16-17). Gruber Hurst further argues that Judge Sanderson did not order the firm to take a particular course of action, and Tautfest made no representation to the Court as to what he would do when presented with the options of either entering a notice of appearance or returning the documents in question. *Id.* at 11-13, 17. Last, Gruber Hurst maintains that it substantially complied with Judge Sanderson's directive by undertaking extensive efforts to destroy and return all copies of the McAlexander Report as testified to by Tautfest and the firm's former paralegal, Lisa Miller, but mistakenly failed to destroy one version. *Id.* at 13-17.



*1. Whether the Undersigned Has Authority to Consider Whether Gruber Hurst Violated Judge Sanderson's Directive*

The Court has the inherent power to impose sanctions against attorneys who engage in bad faith conduct in litigation. *See Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 45-46 (1991). Such authority exists when a party shows bad faith by “hampering enforcement of a court order.” *Hutto v. Finney*, 437 U.S. 678, 689 n.14 (1978) (citation omitted). The undersigned thus finds that while Judge Fitzwater’s *Order of Reference* was limited to the acts surrounding the Agreed Protective Order, the Court can call upon its inherent authority to recognize, and recommend punishment for, any bad faith conduct that occurred if a party violated a different Court order. Nevertheless, while this inherent power exists, the threshold for its use to impose sanctions is high. *Reed v. Iowa Marine and Repair Corp.*, 16 F.3d 82, 84 (5th Cir. 1994).

*2. Whether Judge Sanderson Issued a Directive With Which Gruber Hurst was Required to Comply*

Tautfest, then a Gruber Hurst partner, stated during the April 2008 hearing before Judge Sanderson that Gruber Hurst had expert reports and discovery responses relating to the instant case because the firm was working with the Pittman and Bell Nunnally firms on behalf of their mutual clients, T-Netix/Securus. (Doc. 204, Ex. A at 69). As to those documents, Judge Sanderson instructed: “*that needs to go back right now*. If you and your firm want to formally enter an appearance as the third counsel representing T-Netix in this case, then so be it. But I think there are all kinds of confusions here when you are representing T-Netix or Securus in an Eastern District case. So let’s *get that back right now*.” *Id.* (emphasis added).

Mike Bowers of the Bell Nunnally firm started to ask a question of the Court regarding the McAlexander Report, and Judge Sanderson stated that he did not need any further

information about that, but he did “want those documents returned to counsel whose appearance has already been entered in this case.” *Id.* at 70. Judge Sanderson then remarked that “if you wish to enter an appearance formally . . . in this case . . . then I think *once you have been enrolled* and your firm has been enrolled as co-counsel of record in the Northern District of Texas, you are *then thereafter entitled to access* under the terms of the confidentiality order.” *Id.* (emphasis added). Bowers stated that the documents at issue would be returned that day. *Id.* When Clouston then started to ask a question regarding the McAlexander Report, Judge Sanderson stated that he was not going to further address it because he had received assurances that everything had been clawed back and that any documents that remained in Gruber Hurst’s possession were going to be returned to VAC in the next day or so. *Id.* at 71.

Considering the totality of the evidence, it is clear to the undersigned that Judge Sanderson directed Gruber Hurst to return the documents unless and until such time as Gruber Hurst filed a notice of appearance on behalf of the T-Netix parties. Only after the notice of appearance was filed would Gruber Hurst then be permitted to access the confidential documents, including the McAlexander Report. Gruber Hurst never entered an appearance in this case and, therefore, was required to return the McAlexander Report to counsel of record and/or VAC. Accordingly, the next issue the Court must address is whether Gruber Hurst complied with Judge Sanderson’s directive.

### *3. Whether Gruber Hurst Complied with Judge Sanderson’s Directive*

Tautfest testified that he met with the Gruber Hurst team after the 2008 hearing before Judge Sanderson and advised Lisa Miller, the team paralegal, that they needed claw back the documents that Judge Sanderson had ordered Gruber Hurst to return. (Doc. 274 at 198-99;

Gruber Hurst Binder Ex. 3). Tautfest instructed Miller “to send back the originals to Bell Nunnally and . . . get into Summation, get the documents off of there, get them off the system, and round up any copies anybody has and get them and delete them.” (Doc. 274 at 199).

Miller testified that she complied with Tautfest’s instructions by (1) getting all copies of the documents out of any working notebooks and from the recycling bin and shredding them; (2) deleting all of the electronic copies off the firm’s computer system; and (3) giving the original documents to Tautfest so he could return them to Bell Nunnally. *Id.* at 225-26. Miller said that she deleted the electronic documents from the firm’s computer system by opening the database, marking the documents for deletion, and purging them. *Id.* at 227-28. Then she went into the system through the hard drive where there were actual physical documents in labeled folders and manually deleted the documents and moved them out of the folders. *Id.* at 228. Tautfest testified that after Miller told him that she had deleted the documents from the firm’s computer system, he searched for several of the documents on the system, but could not find any. *Id.* at 199-200.

It is clear that Gruber Hurst did not fully comply with Judge Sanderson’s directive, however, because it retained a copy of the McAlexander Report in its firm database, even if inadvertently. Nevertheless, Gruber Hurst contends that its actions constituted substantial compliance, an assertion with which VAC disagrees. An accused contemnor may avoid a contempt finding if it can show that it has either substantially complied with the order at issue or has made every reasonable effort to do so. *U.S. Steel Corp.*, 598 F.2d at 368; *Rizzo*, 539 F.2d at 465.

In *Rizzo*, the appellate court reversed a finding of contempt, which the district court had imposed when it found that the defendant had not adequately complied with an IRS summons to

produce certain records. *Id.* The higher court observed that there was no evidence that the defendant had attempted to destroy or withhold any of the missing records, he had ordered his office staff to produce all of the records, he testified that some records might not have been made and others might have been transferred to other doctors, and his record-keeping system was confusing. *Id.* at 466. Moreover, the defendant had produced a great deal of records initially, several more trickled in over time, and he and his assistant testified that they had searched the office files several times for responsive documents and discovered more records, but not all of the ones sought by the IRS. *Id.* The appeals court held that, on these facts, the government had not proved contempt by clear and convincing evidence. *Id.* at 466-67.

In *Mendoza v. Regis Corp.*, 2005 WL 1950118 (W.D. Tex. 2005), cited by VAC, the district court considered whether the defendant had substantially complied with an injunction that enjoined it from using the “Hairmasters” name. On two occasions, one before and one after the consent injunction was entered, the defendant instructed its media agency to replace its telephone listings for “Regis Hairmasters” with a different name, but did nothing further to ensure that the listings were changed. 2005 WL 1950118 at \*2. Unbeknownst to the defendant, the directory listing was not changed. The court rejected the defendant’s argument that its efforts to comply relieved it of liability, holding that only by making “every reasonable effort to comply” could a contemnor satisfy the substantial compliance test. *Id.* at \*4 (finding that the defendant made only a “casual effort to comply,” resulting in the incorrect listings appearing in the phone book for more than three years after issuance of the injunction).

The undersigned does not find *Mendoza* to be directly analogous to the circumstances presented here. In this case, it appears that Gruber Hurst made “in good faith all reasonable

efforts to comply” with Judge Sanderson’s directive to return the outstanding confidential documents to VAC and/or Bell Nunnally. *Rizzo*, 539 F.2d at 465. While Gruber Hurst’s compliance was not perfect – Miller, for example, could have searched individual laptops, phones, and desk top computers – the team working on this matter was small, as testified to by Tautfest, and Miller removed physical copies of the documents from individual’s offices, went through the recycling bin to retrieve copies, got the original documents back to Tautfest, and deleted the documents from the firm’s database to the best of her ability. Tautfest verified Miller’s efforts to delete the documents by attempting to search for them on the database and, finding none, believed they had been deleted satisfactorily. The Court believes these efforts to be reasonable, considering that the individuals involved are in the legal field, not the information technology field. *U.S. Steel*, 598 F.2d at 368. Moreover, these efforts are far greater than those expended by the defendant in *Mendoza*. The facts here are more analogous to those in *Rizzo* where the accused contemnor produced significant documentation, but testified that after repeated efforts he had been unable to locate anything further. The undersigned thus finds that Gruber Hurst was in substantial compliance with Judge Sanderson’s directive and should not be subjected to sanctions in that regard.

***C. Actions of the T-Netix Parties***

VAC next argues that a contempt finding against the T-Netix parties is appropriate because they did not adequately ensure that their counsel, Gruber Hurst, complied with the Agreed Protective Order and Judge Sanderson’s directive. (Doc. 269 at 13-16).

The T-Netix parties respond that VAC has not provided any evidence that the T-Netix parties were ever in possession of the McAlexander Report or that they were aware that Gruber

Hurst retained and inadvertently produced the Report in other litigation. (Doc. 278 at 6-7). The T-Netix parties assert to the contrary that the evidence shows that they never had the McAlexander Report and did not know about, and are not liable for, its production by Gruber Hurst in 2010. *Id.* at 7-9, 12-19. The T-Netix parties conclude that VAC has generated thousands of dollars in unnecessary attorneys' fees to purportedly coerce compliance from Respondents who are not refusing to comply with the Agreed Protective Order, but VAC has refused all of Respondents' offers to destroy the McAlexander Report and have a forensic expert confirm destruction. *Id.* at 21-22.

Upon consideration of the parties' arguments, the Court finds that VAC has not provided clear and convincing evidence that the T-Netix parties violated either the Agreed Protective Order or Judge Sanderson's directive. Indeed VAC has not provided any evidence that any of the T-Netix parties ever even saw the McAlexander Report, much less that they were somehow involved with Gruber Hurst's production of the Report in the Combined and Pinnacle Actions. Under these circumstances, VAC cannot point to the "clear, direct and weighty" evidence required to allow the undersigned "to come to a clear conviction, without hesitancy, of the truth of the precise facts of the case." *Test Masters*, 428 F.3d at 582.

Additionally, the T-Netix parties should not be deemed bound by the acts of the Gruber Hurst firm in disseminating the McAlexander Report merely because of their attorney-client relationship. A client generally is deemed bound by the acts of his lawyer, *United States v. Villanueva-Diaz*, 634 F.3d 844, 851 n.4 (5th Cir. 2011). However, that is not the case if the lawyer's acts exceeded his authority. *Heine v. Schendel*, 797 S.W.2d 278, 280 (Tex. App. – Corpus Christi, 1990). Here, Gruber Hurst's dissemination of a document that it should not have

had and which Reinhold testified the T-Netix parties had never seen should not be binding on the T-Netix parties. Moreover, the Court has already found that Gruber Hurst's actions were inadvertent and not themselves subject to contempt or any other type of sanctions. It would hardly seem appropriate to punish Gruber Hurst's client under the circumstances.

For the above reasons, *Defendant's Motion for Order to Show Cause Why T-Netix, Inc., Securus Technologies, Inc., Richard A. Smith, Dennis J. Reinhold, and Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank, LLP Should Not Be Held in Contempt of Court for Violation of the Court's March 3, 2006 Protective Order* (Doc. 202) should be **DENIED** as to the T-Netix parties as well.

***D. Gruber Hurst's Motion to Purge***

Gruber Hurst has filed a *Motion to Purge*, requesting the Court's leave to engage a computer expert to delete all copies of the McAlexander Report from its computer system and other storage media and describe and certify the expert's forensic analysis, procedure, metadata inspection, and results relating to such deletion. (Doc. 263 at 2, 7-8). Gruber Hurst avers that it has repeatedly offered to delete the McAlexander Report from its database with the assistance of a forensic consulting firm, but VAC has refused. *Id.* at 7.

VAC responds that an immediate purge of the McAlexander Report will deprive VAC of its ability to trace the acquisition and dissemination of the document. (Doc. 265 at 2). VAC argues that this Court needs to assist in selecting and instructing the forensic consultant as to the scope of services to be provided. Further, VAC maintains that all history related to the McAlexander Report must be preserved prior to the purge, and the purge cannot occur until VAC reviews and accepts or objects to the history and tracking report, and this Court determines whether the investigation and tracking report is sufficient. *Id.* at 3. VAC asserts that any

consultant must determine how, when, and to whom Gruber Hurst disseminated the McAlexander Report. *Id.* at 4-5. Finally, VAC contends that the Court also should order Respondents to pay for an investigation and purge of the T-Netix parties' and their local counsel's computers as well. *Id.* at 5.

Gruber Hurst replies that David Cowen, who testified as its computer forensics investigator at the Court's evidentiary hearing, averred that he found every copy of the McAlexander Report that was located on Gruber Hurst's server and explained who had accessed it and when and, thus, VAC's objections have been rendered moot. (Doc. 282-1 at 3). Gruber Hurst notes that VAC has not demonstrated any shortcomings in Cowen's qualifications or expertise. *Id.* at 3-4.

At the evidentiary hearing held before the undersigned, Cowen detailed the McAlexander Report's original location on Gruber Hurst's computer system and how it was transferred to a different drive when Gruber Hurst added additional storage space to its server on April 28, 2008 (12 days after the hearing on the *Motion to Enforce* held by Judge Sanderson). (Doc. 274 at 155-57, 172). Cowen stated that his review indicated that the McAlexander Report was not accessed by anyone other than an information technology administrator after 2010, and he described the Report's two current locations on Gruber Hurst's server. *Id.* at 160, 163-64. Cowen also testified that he was aware that Gruber Hurst had produced in the Combined and Pinnacle Actions an external hard drive that contained the McAlexander Report, but the drive had been sent back to Gruber Hurst. *Id.* at 163-64.

Based on the testimony at the hearing, as a whole, it is clear to the undersigned that the McAlexander Report was acquired by Gruber Hurst before the April 2008 hearing before Judge



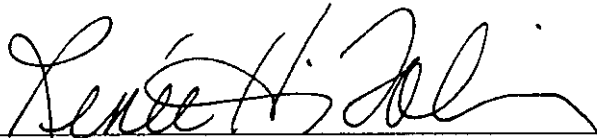
Sanderson, and there is no evidence to suggest that Gruber Hurst improperly reacquired the McAlexander Report thereafter as VAC has suggested. VAC had no objection to Cowen testifying as a computer forensic expert and has not suggested that he is unqualified to give his opinion in regard to the remaining matters. *Id.* at 150. The undersigned finds Cowen's testimony to be reliable and persuasive. As to the scope of the additional forensic investigation VAC asserts is required, Cowen testified that the scope of his task in this matter was to "[f]ind out everything I can about the existence of the . . . McAlexander [Report], where it existed on the [Gruber Hurst] server, what happened to [the McAlexander Report], any possible copies of it, track it down, find out what happened to it."). *Id.* at 168. Such investigation should be sufficient under the circumstances of the case.

Moreover, there is no support for VAC's assertion that the Court should order Respondents to pay for an investigation and purge of the computers of the T-Netix parties or their local counsel, the Bell Nunnally and Pittman firms. There is simply no evidence to suggest that the T-Netix parties ever had the McAlexander Report; indeed T-Netix's counsel strongly denied it, and VAC presented no such evidence, but merely speculated to the contrary. Further, VAC presented no evidence at the evidentiary hearing suggesting that the Bell Nunnally and Pittman firms violated the Agreed Protective Order by retaining the McAlexander Report after the settlement of this case.

**V. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons discussed above, the undersigned recommends that the District Court **DENY** *Defendant's Motion for Order to Show Cause Why T-Netix, Inc., Securus Technologies, Inc., Richard A. Smith, Dennis J. Reinhold, and Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank, LLP Should Not Be Held in Contempt of Court for Violation of the Court's March 3, 2006 Protective Order* (Doc. 202) and **GRANT** *Gruber Hurst's Motion Seeking Leave to Purge McAlexander Rebuttal Report* (Doc. 263).

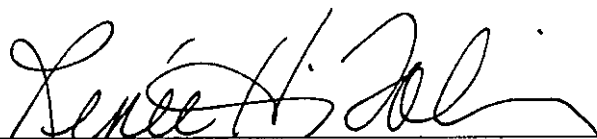
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RENEE HARRIS TOLIVER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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3                   THE SECURITY OFFICER: All rise.

4                   THE COURT: Good morning.

5                   Please be seated.

6                   The court calls for hearing case number 3:05-CV-654-D,  
7                   hearing on the motion for an order to show cause.

8                   And who do we have for movant?

9                   MR. COOTER: Your Honor, I'm Dale Cotter. With me  
10                  is my partner, Donna Goodman.

11                  MS. MANGOLD: Good morning, Your Honor.

12                  THE COURT: Morning.

13                  MR. WILLIAMS: And also Steven Williams and Ken  
14                  Kula. Good morning.

15                  THE COURT: Good morning.

16                  And for respondent?

17                  MR. MATEJA: Two respondents, Your Honor. Bill  
18                  Mateja on behalf of Gruber Hurst, Shonn Brown on behalf of  
19                  Gruber Hurst as well.

20                  MS. BROWN: Good morning, Your Honor.

21                  THE COURT: Good morning.

22                  MR. LOWENSTEIN: Your Honor, Jeff Lowenstein and  
23                  Gwen Walraven for T-Netix Inc., Securus Technologies Inc.,  
24                  Dennis Reinhold and Richard Smith.

25                  THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.



1           As you know, Judge Fitzwater referred to me the motion  
2     to -- for an order to -- to show cause. Because I am a  
3     magistrate judge the procedure under the statute is that I  
4     should hold this hearing, determine whether or not the  
5     elements, so to speak, for contempt exist, and if so to  
6     certify to Judge Fitzwater facts that may constitute  
7     contempt.

8           The closest analogy I can draw is that -- and this is  
9     from what Judge Boyle said to me before when I have done one  
10    of these, is that if I do determine that there are facts that  
11    may constitute contempt and certify those facts, then that  
12    certification becomes sort of like an indictment would be  
13    in -- in a criminal case for the district judge to follow in  
14    determining the ultimate issues.

15          And so at this time I'm going to turn it over to movant  
16    to present its case.

17                 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, can I bring up a  
18    procedural matter at the very outset?

19                 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

20                 MR. COOTER: If you didn't I was going to.

21                 THE COURT: Okay.

22                 MR. MATEJA: Well, let me throw something out. I'm  
23    relatively new to this party. I just got hired a little less  
24    than a month ago. And something has been eating at me in  
25    this case that I hadn't put my finger on until last night,

1 and the light bulb finally clicked, which is in 2008 in this  
2 case the movants argued that we should not have this report,  
3 that we shouldn't have any of the documents in the case  
4 because we weren't entitled to be a party to the protective  
5 order. And Judge Sanderson ultimately found that they were  
6 right, that we were not entitled to have the documents, and  
7 he asked that we return them. We said that we would return  
8 them. Obviously, we did not do a good job at that and we're  
9 sorry for that.

10 But the point is, is that in that proceeding there was  
11 already an argument and a ruling made that we weren't  
12 entitled to them because we weren't subject to the protective  
13 order. Okay?

14 This is a contempt proceeding to show cause as to why we  
15 should not be held in contempt as to why we violated the  
16 protective order. And I believe that they are now estopped  
17 from arguing that we're subject to the protective order, that  
18 Judge Sanderson basically ruled that we weren't subject to  
19 the protective order.

20 And -- and I bring this up now because we could be here  
21 for a very long time today. I've got at least four to seven  
22 witnesses that I plan on putting on. But I don't see that --  
23 how we can have a proceeding asking us to show cause why we  
24 didn't violate the protective order, if we weren't subject to  
25 the protective order.

1 THE COURT: well, since the first thing I have to  
2 determine is whether or not there is indeed -- has indeed --  
3 or I believe that there has indeed been one, then I expect  
4 that I will hear evidence that could convince me that you are  
5 or Gruber Hurst is in fact bound by -- or a party to or bound  
6 by the protective order in some other way.

7 MR. MATEJA: well, the irony is, is that, quite  
8 frankly, Your Honor, we argued then and we -- and we contend  
9 now that we were subject to the protective order. Okay?

10 Now, that's not what they argued and that's not what  
11 Judge Sanderson said.

12 The point is that we believe that we are but as a matter  
13 of law, Your Honor, I mean, we could spend a whole lot of  
14 time, but I think this is --

15 THE COURT: well, if that's a matter of law I'm  
16 going to give you an opportunity at the end of our factual  
17 findings here to submit any research, any memo or brief you  
18 want to give me on what law should apply before I make that  
19 ruling.

20 So I'll hear you here --

21 MR. MATEJA: Okay.

22 THE COURT: -- and if you want to go into more  
23 detail in writing, I'll consider that as well.

24 MR. MATEJA: Very well, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. COOTER: I don't want to -- I could respond to  
2 that but I don't think it's necessary at the moment.

3 Procedurally you've issued a show cause. Under Fifth  
4 Circuit law, we've looked at all the Fifth Circuit cases, the  
5 question is once you issue a show cause who -- who goes  
6 first. Essentially the case law seems to indicate that they  
7 go first.

8 THE COURT: Okay. My show cause isn't the show  
9 cause you requested, and so that's how I started out  
10 explaining.

11 MR. COOTER: Okay.

12 THE COURT: My show cause is for you to show cause  
13 why a show cause issue -- order should be issued. And I know  
14 it's convoluted, which is why I started with the explanation.  
15 Because ultimately it will be Judge Fitzwater who determines  
16 whether or not to issue a show cause based on my report and  
17 also if I certify facts to him that I believe constitute  
18 contempt.

19 MR. COOTER: All right. That's fine. I just  
20 wanted to clarify.

21 But --

22 THE COURT: I'm clear, as long as everybody else is  
23 clear.

24 MR. COOTER: We have a one-witness case and I'm  
25 told -- is she here?

1 MR. COOK: Your Honor, my name is Jason Cook. I'm  
2 representing the witness they're about to call. She's stuck  
3 in traffic. She should be here shortly, Ms. Clouston.

4 MR. COOTER: Maybe we can make some progress in her  
5 absence.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. COOTER: We have a -- a book, a binder of  
8 essentially Plaintiff's Exhibits.

9 We have one for you. We have one for our opponents. We  
10 have one for a testifying witness, if I had a testifying  
11 witness who was here. We met with her yesterday. I know  
12 she's coming.

13 Can we hand this up?

14 THE COURT: Yes. And I do have up here already a  
15 nice book of exhibits from Gruber Hurst. Do you have those  
16 as well?

17 MR. COOTER: I believe that we do. Yes.

18 MS. MANGOLD: Yes, Your Honor.

19 MR. COOTER: It seems most of these exhibits are  
20 noncontroversial. Maybe we could just go ahead and admit  
21 them and then when Ms. Clouston comes here we'll take her  
22 testimony as she goes through them. And if there are  
23 objections then I guess we have to wait for Ms. Clouston to  
24 come.

25 The first is the original agreed-upon protective order

1 in this case, Exhibit Number 1. I would move its admission.

2

3 THE COURT: Any objection?

4 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, let me just flip through  
5 these very quickly.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 MR. MATEJA: We might be able to take care of this  
8 en masse.

9 THE COURT: Thank you.

10 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, subject to under tab one  
11 there looks to be like a check statement from Bank of America  
12 that I don't believe is related to this case.

13 MR. COOTER: Court's indulgence.

14 MS. MANGOLD: Your Honor, I pulled that from your  
15 binder. I pulled it.

16 MR. MATEJA: Subject to that we have no objections  
17 to the introduction and admission of Respondent's 1 through  
18 15.

19 THE COURT: And they are admitted.

20 MR. COOTER: Oh, good. He's efficient, isn't he?

21 I have to deal with Ms. Clouston. It's a one-witness  
22 case from our standpoint.

23 THE COURT: How long do you think that will take?

24 MR. COOTER: Her testimony?

25 THE COURT: I mean for her to arrive.

1 MR. COOK: Your Honor, I'm informed five minutes.

2 THE COURT: Well, I know y'all don't want to look  
3 at me for five minutes, so why don't we take a brief  
4 adjournment.

5 MR. COOTER: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.

7 (Brief recess taken.)

8 THE COURT: Please be seated.

9 Are we ready now?

10 MS. MANGOLD: Yes, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Call your witness.

12 MS. MANGOLD: Your Honor, movants call Stephanie  
13 Clouston.

14 MR. COOK: Your Honor, I'd like to make an  
15 appearance on behalf of Stephanie Clouston.

16 My name is Jeffrey Cook.

17 I'm a partner of hers with the law firm of Alston &  
18 Bird.

19 THE COURT: Yes, sir. Ma'am, I know you're used to  
20 stopping there.

21 (Laughter.)

22 THE WITNESS: That's right.

23 I've been on this side before.

24 THE COURT: Will you raise your right hand, please.

25 (Witness sworn.)

1 THE COURT: Please have a seat.

2 MS. MANGOLD: Thank you, Your Honor.

3 Your Honor, may I pass up to the witness the book of  
4 admitted exhibits?

5 THE COURT: Of course.

6 MS. MANGOLD: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: You may proceed.

8 MS. MANGOLD: Thank you, Your Honor.

9

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MS. MANGOLD:

12 Q. Good morning, Ms. Clouston.

13 A. Good morning.

14 Q. Do you have some water up there?

15 A. I think I do.

16 Q. State your name for the record, please.

17 A. Stephanie Clouston.

18 Q. And, Ms. Clouston, how are you employed?

19 A. I'm a partner with the law firm of Alston & Bird.

20 Q. Where were you employed before Alston & Bird?

21 A. I was a partner with the law firm Jones Day.

22 Q. When did you move over to Alston & Bird?

23 A. Somewhere I think in the end of August of 2011.

24 Q. And were you counsel of record in this action  
25 previously?



1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Tell us about that.

3 A. I represented, along with one of my other partners,  
4 Value-Added Communications in this proceeding, the underlying  
5 proceeding that involved patent litigation and allegations  
6 related to patents.

7 Q. Tell us a little bit about the subject matter of the  
8 underlying lawsuit.

9 what kind of patent litigation?

10 A. The parties involved in the underlying proceeding are  
11 prison telecommunications companies, meaning that both sides  
12 develop and install and service various telephone equipment,  
13 system services that allow prisoners either who are  
14 incarcerated in state, county or federal prisons to make  
15 phone calls to their loved ones.

16 The underlying litigation in this proceeding, the  
17 Northern District of Texas case, involved allegations of I  
18 believe infringement of three or four patents by the  
19 plaintiffs in this case that included T-Netix, Inc., and I  
20 believe some of their sister companies.

21 Q. And were their sister companies including Securus?

22 A. That is, as I understand it from this litigation as well  
23 as other litigation that I've been involved in with T-Netix  
24 and Securus that Securus is the ultimate parent or holding  
25 company for all of the T-Netix Abercrom related entities.

1 Q. In the course of this litigation take a look at -- or  
2 strike that.

3 Take a look at what's been admitted as Exhibit 1. It's  
4 in your binder, in the white binder, pink cover.  
5 white binder, pink cover.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. Do you recognize that document?

8 A. Yes. It is an agreed protective order that was entered  
9 in the underlying case, 3:05-CV-0654 pending before Judge  
10 Fitzwater.

11 Q. In the course of your experience have you been involved  
12 in other kind -- other cases involving patent litigation?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And was this protective order typical of the types of  
15 protective orders you would enter into on behalf of your  
16 clients?

17 A. Yes, as I recall.

18 Q. Okay. Take a look at page 16 of the protective orders  
19 on page 6. Tell us what that is.

20 A. This appears to be a provision that allows the counsel,  
21 the outside counsel involved in the -- this underlying  
22 litigation to designate documents produced to the other  
23 side's counsel as counsel eyes only confidential information,  
24 by either labeling the documents information or other  
25 discovery as counsel only or highly confidential, meaning

1 that it is reserved only -- can only be seen by the outside  
2 counsel that appears in this litigation as well as the  
3 outside technical advisors.

4 Q. In the course of the underlying litigation what kind of  
5 document production was there?

6 Give us a sense of the scope and the kinds of documents  
7 that were involved.

8 A. well, it's been quite some time, but this was a -- a  
9 patent litigation between two competitors involved in this  
10 industry, and because of the type of litigation it involved a  
11 lot of technical information produced by Jones Day's client,  
12 by Value-Added Communications that was accused of infringing  
13 various patents as well as diagrams, how the systems work,  
14 financial information, information about what facilities,  
15 what prison and county and state facilities Value-Added  
16 Communications served.

17 Q. And how were those documents treated for purposes of the  
18 protective order?

19 what -- what happened?

20 were all the documents marked confidential, were some of  
21 them marked confidential? How did that work?

22 Were some of them marked AE, attorneys eyes only?

23 Tell me how that worked.

24 A. Only the documents that were -- I believe fell into the  
25 category of AEO did we designate as highly confidential, and

1 that includes in paragraph 16 the types of documents that  
2 were to be treated as restricted confidential.

3 Again, I haven't looked -- gone back and looked at any  
4 document production in this case in quite some time. I don't  
5 have access to those documents.

6 But my recollection is there was a -- this litigation  
7 had been ongoing for several years. There were a number of  
8 documents that have been produced by both sides and  
9 designated under the various levels of the protective order.

10 Q. The focus of this proceeding now is the Joseph  
11 McAlexander rebuttal report. Are you familiar with that  
12 rebuttal report?

13 A. I am familiar with the report and that it was the  
14 subject of an unfortunate prior proceeding involving alleged  
15 sanctions and contempt.

16 Q. Whose expert was Joseph McAlexander?

17 A. He was T-Netix's expert.

18 Q. And why was -- strike that.

19 was part of his report designated attorneys eyes only?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And why was that?

22 First of all, who designated it attorneys eyes only?

23 A. I know I -- I recall at one point that VAC's counsel,  
24 Jones Day, designated the report attorneys eyes only.

25 There may also have been some designation that was done

1 by T-Netix's counsel in this case.

2 Q. And why was it that Jones Day designated it attorneys  
3 eyes only?

4 A. My recollection is that we designated in some  
5 correspondence with the opposing counsel the document and  
6 report as attorneys eyes only because it contained  
7 incorporated in the body of a -- of the report, it was quite  
8 long, testimony from VAC principals, engineers, as well as  
9 technical documents that had been produced as a -- by  
10 Value-Added Communications.

11 Q. At the time that the case was pending in this court, the  
12 underlying litigation, were you involved in other litigation  
13 involving T-Netix?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And where was that?

16 A. I was involved in another lawsuit in Dallas District  
17 Court, I believe originally in the 44th court. It was Judge  
18 Kettleton and Judge Cortez and then later transferred to the  
19 68th court, Judge Hoffman.

20 Q. And that was in state court here in Dallas?

21 A. Yes, ma'am.

22 Q. Okay. And at the same time are you aware -- were you  
23 aware that there was other litigation involving T-Netix that  
24 was going on in the federal court in the Eastern District?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And what -- what was that? Do you remember?

2 A. We were not counsel in that case, but as I recall there  
3 was also other ongoing patent infringement litigation that  
4 T-Netix Abercrom and/or maybe Securus, their related holding  
5 company, was involved in against other competitors in the  
6 industry involving patent -- alleged patent infringement.

7 Q. And VAC was not a party to that case; is that right?

8 A. No. That is correct.

9 Q. Do you remember who the lawyers were representing the --  
10 at least who was representing T-Netix in that case?

11 A. Gruber Hurst.

12 Q. In the east -- in the Eastern District case, I'm sorry.

13 A. The Gruber Hurst was one of the firms representing  
14 T-Netix, as I recall.

15 Q. Okay. And how about in the state court litigation? who  
16 was representing -- you represented VAC; is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you were still at Jones Day at that time?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. And who was representing T-Netix in that case?

21 A. The Bell Nunnally Martin firm and the Pittman law  
22 firm.

23 Q. Okay. And who was representing T-Netix in this -- in  
24 this underlying litigation at that same -- at that time?

25 A. The same counsel, Bell Nunnally Martin and the Pittman

1 law firm.

2 Q. Okay. Take a look at in your book to -- at Exhibit 2.  
3 And that exhibit has also been admitted into evidence.

4 Tell me what that is.

5 A. It appears to be the transcript -- the court's  
6 transcript from a hearing that was held on April 16, 2008,  
7 before Judge Sanderson involving motions to modify the agreed  
8 protective order in this case and VAC's motion for  
9 enforcement of the protective order.

10 Q. Were you counsel during that hearing?

11 A. Yes. I was counsel for VAC.

12 Q. Okay. And did -- tell us what led to VAC having filed  
13 the motion to enforce the protective order.

14 A. Well, there were I guess a course of unfortunate  
15 circumstances that led up to this hearing taking place.  
16 There had been -- had been a couple of violations of the  
17 agreed protective order in this case.

18 The first instance where we thought that there had been  
19 a violation of the protective order involved the Dallas state  
20 court proceeding. And in that proceeding that involved  
21 alleged breaches on both sides of the case of a patent  
22 license agreement or patent license agreements between --  
23 that had been entered into between VAC and some of the  
24 Securus parties.

25 There were documents that had been produced only in this

1 case, the Northern District of Texas case, that were attached  
2 and entered into evidence and argued to some degree before  
3 then Judge Cortez that the parties in the state court  
4 proceeding had not been permitted to have, because they were  
5 deemed irrelevant.

6 Q. Who deemed them to be irrelevant?

7 A. Judge Cortez when he -- he denied the T-Netix's parties  
8 motion to compel production of some of the line count  
9 reports, royalty type documents, line count reports related  
10 to certain sites in the state court proceeding.

11 Q. What position did that take in response to the fact that  
12 these confidential documents had been produced, if any?

13 A. Mr. Turner, my partner and I, took various steps to  
14 attempt to get Bell Nunnally and the Pittman law firm to work  
15 with us to withdraw the documents out of the state court file  
16 and to not raise the documents produced only in this case  
17 that they had been denied access to in the state court case,  
18 to not argue those in front of our then District Court Judge  
19 Cortez.

20 Q. What kind of efforts were those?

21 Were those informal efforts, were those efforts in  
22 pleadings, via the telephone, do you remember?

23 A. It was over the course of time, but the immediate  
24 attempts were correspondence with the other side, as I  
25 recall, and phone calls that we were making because we had



1 a -- an upcoming another round of hearings before Judge  
2 Cortez in getting ready for trial at the time.

3 Q. Were those efforts successful?

4 A. Eventually they were, but not until after the documents  
5 had already been entered into the Texas state court record  
6 and Judge Cortez stated that he voluntarily recused himself.

7 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, I'm going to object at  
8 this point in time the relevance of this line of testimony.  
9 We're really rehashing a lot of stuff that was heard back in  
10 2008 that has nothing to do with the facts that my client  
11 inadvertently produced records in 20 -- in 2010.

12 This has been heard, done with, over. It's just not  
13 relevant to this proceeding.

14 MS. MANGOLD: Your Honor, the inadvertence is --  
15 has to be looked at in the context of this has happened  
16 before. They made promises in response to having it happen  
17 before, it was pursuant to a hearing, there were  
18 representations made by his client to Judge Sanderson in that  
19 hearing, judge Sanderson took steps based on those  
20 representations, and the whole concept of inadvertence must  
21 be seen during -- in the context of this evidence.

22 THE COURT: The objection is overruled.

23 MR. MATEJA: Can I have a running objection, Your  
24 Honor?

25 THE COURT: No.

1 MR. MATEJA: No?

2 BY MS. BROWN:

3 Q. And I apologize. I sort of lost track.

4 what -- what was the impact in terms of the state court  
5 proceeding?

6 A. Well, there were --

7 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, I'm going to renew my  
8 objection. I will also note, Your Honor, we weren't a party  
9 to this state court case.

10 This has nothing to do with Gruber Hurst.

11 THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to overrule your  
12 objection and I'm going to permit her to answer before you  
13 lodge another objection.

14 MR. MATEJA: Okay.

15 THE COURT: Thank you.

16 THE WITNESS: I believe the question was --

17 BY MS. MANGOLD:

18 Q. What was the impact?

19 what happened in the state court proceeding as a result  
20 of the fact that these documents had been attached and used  
21 in that proceeding?

22 A. There were various hearings, rehearings, motions filed,  
23 a lot of time, fees, and costs involved. And, ultimately,  
24 while I cannot state why Judge Cortez recused himself, he  
25 stated in a hearing that I believe the transcript is in the

1 record, or at least was in the underlying contempt proceeding  
2 that Judge Sanderson cited to, that he -- he believed he --  
3 he had seen -- it appeared he had seen materials that he was  
4 not permitted to see because they were produced under a  
5 federal protective order and he then later that same day or  
6 the next morning recused himself.

7 We at Value-Added Communications tried to determine if  
8 there was anything we could do to get Judge Cortez back as  
9 our judge, and we -- there was no path that we could take to  
10 do that.

11 Q. Let's switch over to the Eastern -- the case that was  
12 pending at the same time in the Eastern District. You said  
13 that there were documents from that case also. Can you  
14 explain that?

15 A. Around the same time that this was occurring in the  
16 state court proceeding, where it led to Judge Cortez recusing  
17 himself, in this other proceeding, I don't remember the style  
18 of -- of the case, but it was in the Eastern District of  
19 Texas, it involved the Securus entities along with other  
20 competitors in the prison inmate telephone industry.

21 Q. And was -- was VAC a party to that case?

22 A. No, ma'am.

23 Q. Okay. And how about the other people who were involved  
24 in the case, other than T-Netix, were they competitors of  
25 VAC?

1 A. They were.

2 Q. Okay. Go ahead.

3 A. And in that -- in that case it appeared that some of the  
4 defendants who were accused of infringing some of Securus's  
5 patents had sought discovery of some of the expert reports  
6 and other materials from this case involving VAC and Securus  
7 entities. Our case here was further along I believe in the  
8 discovery process than the Eastern District of Texas case was  
9 at the time.

10 One of the counsel representing one of the defendants in  
11 that case was seeking some of the expert reports from this  
12 case that had been designated AEO. VAC did not approve of  
13 that. They reached out and asked if we would voluntarily  
14 give some of the documents we had designated as AEO.

15 Q. Who?

16 Who reached out?

17 A. I believe it was ICS, one of the other defendant's  
18 counsel, outside counsel in that case.

19 Our client would not voluntarily produce any documents  
20 in that case and I communicated that to the counsel that  
21 represented one of the defendants, ICS, I believe.

22 As we were going through the same process in the state  
23 court case involving the loss of our judge, the counsel from  
24 ICS notified me that, "Don't worry about our request to --  
25 that we may subpoena these documents from Value-Added

1 Communications, we have obtained these documents from  
2 Securus's counsel in our case."

3 That came as quite a surprise to us because we were  
4 unaware that they had been produced.

5 Q. So what'd you do next?

6 A. Next we took steps -- Gruber Hurst was the law firm  
7 representing Securus in -- in that case. My -- my partners  
8 and -- Robert Turner and Tom Jackson from Jones Day, we  
9 reached out to the lawyers that we knew at Gruber Hurst to  
10 try to figure out what had happened, what they had, what they  
11 had produced, and asked for assistance from the counsel both  
12 involved in this case for Securus and in the Eastern District  
13 of Texas case to try to help us in determining the scope of  
14 the problem as well as how to get the documents back.

15 Q. Were you successful in those efforts?

16 A. We were -- we were successful in obtaining assistance  
17 from the Gruber Hurst firm to obtain -- to snap -- help snap  
18 back the documents that they had produced in the Eastern  
19 District of Texas case; however, we were unable at that time  
20 to be able to gain the assistance of the Bell  
21 Nunnally/Pittman firm and the Gruber Hurst firm in  
22 identifying what had been given to Gruber Hurst in production  
23 AEO designated in this case and getting those documents back  
24 from the Gruber Hurst firm.

25 We were unsuccessful at that time until there was a

1 court proceeding involving what Gruber Hurst had and still  
2 maintained at that time.

3 Q. We have the transcript in evidence as Exhibit 2 of that  
4 hearing, and you were present at that hearing; is that  
5 correct?

6 A. Yes, ma'am.

7 Q. Okay. And during -- what position was taken by Gruber  
8 Hurst in the context of that hearing about the attorneys eyes  
9 only documents?

10 And I take it that during that hearing that the  
11 McAlexander rebuttal report was one of the documents that was  
12 at issue in that hearing; is that right?

13 A. Yes. It was one of the central documents that there was  
14 a dispute about having been produced in the Eastern District  
15 of Texas case and -- and maintained by the Gruber Hurst firm.

16 Q. Was Gruber Hurst present at the hearing?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. And who -- what lawyers from Gruber Hurst were  
19 present at the hearing to the best of your recollection?

20 A. My recollection is Mr. Eric Tautfest, who is a partner  
21 at Gruber Hurst and -- and who we as VAC's counsel were  
22 communicating with was there. I believe he was the one that  
23 primarily addressed the questions that came from Judge  
24 Sanderson.

25 I believe also a Mr. Michael Lang, was also a partner at

1 Gruber Hurst, was present during the hearing.

2 Q. Prior to the hearing had Gruber Hurst filed any  
3 pleadings in -- T-Netix the hearing?

4 A. None that I can recall unless you can refresh my memory.

5 Q. Were there motions -- had VAC sent out subpoenas to  
6 Gruber Hurst for request for documents?

7 A. We had.

8 Q. And did Gruber Hurst move to quash those, do you  
9 remember?

10 A. You've refreshed my memory somewhat that it was either  
11 Securus or the lawyers involved in this case and/or perhaps  
12 Gruber Hurst who had moved to quash the documents. What --  
13 or the subpoenas.

14 What we were attempting to seek was the -- the scope of  
15 what Gruber Hurst had in its files and when and how they had  
16 obtained those documents.

17 Q. At the hearing you said that Mr. Tautfest responded to  
18 questions by Magistrate Judge Sanderson; is that correct?

19 A. This is my recollection.

20 Q. To the best of your recollection what was the position  
21 taken by Mr. Tautfest about why they had the documents and  
22 what they were going to do about it?

23 A. My recollection was that Gruber Hurst at least initially  
24 took the position that they were, in fact, co-counsel with  
25 the Bell Nunnally and Pittman law firms for T-Netix in this

1 case and that therefore they were permitted to have copies of  
2 AEO confidential designated documents under the protective  
3 order entered in this case.

4 Q. And what was judge -- Magistrate Judge Sanderson's  
5 position on that, do you remember?

6 A. My recollection is that at one point during the hearing  
7 he said that, you know, Gruber Hurst could either enter, you  
8 know, a formal appearance and enter as, you know, counsel in  
9 this case, or had until a certain amount of time to -- and it  
10 was either the same day or by the next morning, a quick  
11 turnaround to represent to the court and to Jones Day, VAC's  
12 counsel, that they had returned all of the documents that  
13 they had obtained that were produced in this case.

14 Q. And what did they -- what did they do?

15 what did Gruber Hurst do?

16 Did they enter an appearance or did they do something  
17 else?

18 A. They did something else.

19 Q. And what was that?

20 A. They returned voluntarily the documents to Jones Day and  
21 made representations to the parties involved in this case and  
22 Judge Sanderson that they retained no additional documents  
23 that were produced in this case.

24 Q. Take a look in your exhibit binder at Exhibit 6 and tell  
25 us what that is.



1 A. This appears to be a letter from Mr. Jeff Lowenstein  
2 from the Bell Nunnally Martin firm to me dated April 17,  
3 2008, regarding the return of all documents that had been  
4 previously provided to the Gruber Hurst law firm that was  
5 subject to the protective order entered in this case.

6 Q. Take a look at Exhibit 7. Tell us what that is.

7 A. This is a copy of a letter that I sent to Mr. Lowenstein  
8 the following day, it appears, April 18th, 2008,  
9 acknowledging receipt of Bell Nunnally Martin firm's letter  
10 notifying us that Gruber Hurst had returned all copies of  
11 documents that contained any information designated by VAC as  
12 confidential under the protective order in this case and  
13 asking that all of those documents be sent to my office.

14 Q. And then take a look at Exhibit 8, tell us what that --  
15 Exhibit 8. Tell us what that is.

16 A. This is a copy of a letter dated April 18, 2008, from  
17 Mr. Neal Suit of the Bell Nunnally Martin firm to me, it  
18 appears hand-delivering documents that Mr. Tautfest and the  
19 Gruber Hurst firm had sent back in compliance with Judge  
20 Sanderson's directive during the hearing.

21 Q. And item number 2 on that list, on the attached --  
22 what's attached -- what's the document that's attached to  
23 that?

24 A. It appears that the -- the other letter that's attached  
25 is referenced in Mr. Suit's letter to me that was a letter

1 from the Gruber Hurst firm to the Bell Nunnally firm listing  
2 the items that had been returned to the Bell Nunnally firm  
3 following the hearing before Judge Sanderson and then  
4 subsequently delivered to Jones Day.

5 Q. And what's item 2 on that list?

6 A. It is the rebuttal expert report of Joseph C.  
7 McAlexander regarding validity of claims.

8 Q. Take a look at what's behind your tab 3 and tell us what  
9 that is.

10 A. This appears to be the 12 page report and  
11 recommendation that Judge Sanderson issued regarding the  
12 April 2008 hearing.

13 There is also I believe another report that he also  
14 issued that denied T-Netix's request to declassify certain  
15 documents under the protective order.

16 Q. Was -- did the district court ever enter an order based  
17 on this report and recommendation?

18 A. No, I don't believe Judge Fitzwater did.

19 Q. And what -- what happened after this report and  
20 recommendation was issued?

21 What went on in the case?

22 A. I don't remember exactly the -- the timing, but there  
23 was a -- a series of -- of things that had occurred that led  
24 up to settlement discussions between the VAC parties and the  
25 Securus parties that ultimately led to a settlement prior to

1 Judge Fitzwater issuing an order based upon the report and  
2 recommendation by Judge Sanderson.

3 Q. And the case -- do you remember when the case was  
4 ultimately settled and dismissed?

5 A. I'm sure you could refresh my recollection.  
6 Sometime in the late summer is my recollection.

7 Q. August of that year?

8 A. That sounds right.

9 Q. 2008.

10 what happened -- when was the next time you heard about  
11 this issue again, in terms of this -- this underlying case  
12 or -- strike that.

13 what -- what happened next?

14 Did you continue to represent VAC at that point in any  
15 of this litigation?

16 A. We did not -- Jones Day did not.

17 And my recollection is that VAC wasn't -- at least we  
18 were not aware of additional litigation involving VAC and  
19 Securus during this subsequent time frame.

20 Q. Did there come a time when the issue of the rebuttal  
21 expert report raised its head again?

22 A. Well, the -- a potential disclosure of the report did  
23 raise its head again subsequently in another case.

24 Q. And how did that happen?

25 A. I -- I guess the next chain of events pertinent to this

1 situation was a time when we -- we --

2 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, I'm going to object. Kind  
3 of a narrative answer. We would ask that the witness be  
4 asked to answer a specific question.

5 MS. MANGOLD: I'll -- let me -- I'm sorry, Your  
6 Honor.

7 THE COURT: Overruled.

8 BY MS. MANGOLD:

9 Q. I'll -- go ahead.

10 THE COURT: You may answer.

11 THE WITNESS: The next event that I recall that's  
12 pertinent to why we are here today, is -- it's a circumstance  
13 when we were -- I was a partner at Jones Day. We were not  
14 representing Value-Added Communications in -- in any active  
15 lawsuit. Mr. Tony Magee, who I knew from other lawsuits,  
16 patent infringement cases involving other competitors,  
17 reached out to me.

18 BY MS. MANGOLD:

19 Q. What firm was he with at the time?

20 A. He was with Gruber Hurst. During the entire course of  
21 my dealing with Tony Magee he always has been a partner with  
22 Gruber Hurst. He reached -- or at least as far as I know.

23 He reached out to me and said that he was involved in  
24 some other lawsuits against other competitors, of which I was  
25 not involved in, Jones Day was not involved in, and asked --

1 that he was trying to obtain copies of certain documents that  
2 he understood had been exchanged in this case, the Northern  
3 District of Texas case, for potential production in two other  
4 patent infringement cases that he was involved in  
5 representing Securus against other competitors.

6 Q. Did he tell you what those cases were?

7 A. He -- he told me -- I believe he told me the style of  
8 the cases, that one of them was the Pinnacle Telmate case  
9 pending in the Eastern District of Texas and then another one  
10 was a Combined Public Communications case pending in  
11 Kentucky.

12 Q. And was Securus T-Netix a party in each of those cases?

13 A. I believe so. I believe that's what he said.

14 Q. And do you remember when this telephone call or --  
15 strike that -- when this communication was?

16 A. I believe it's in my affidavit --

17 Q. Why don't you take a look at --

18 A. -- the exact timing.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. I believe also in the summer. Let me make sure I have  
21 the --

22 Q. Why don't you take a look at Exhibit 10 in the book.

23 A. Is it Exhibit 4 perhaps?

24 Q. Well, look at Exhibit 10. And tell us what that is.

25 A. This is an email that was sent to me, it looks like

1 it's been redacted, but a portion of an email that Mr. Magee  
2 sent to me confirming -- he had reached out to me it looks  
3 like August 2010 regarding a request to obtain copies of  
4 certain documents that the opposing sides in patent  
5 infringement cases were requesting.

6 Q. The email is dated August 25th, 2010, and the email  
7 states "Stephanie, thank you for taking the time to talk to  
8 me last night."

9 Is it consistent with your recollection that you had a  
10 conversation with Mr. Magee probably on August 24th, 2010?

11 A. Yes, ma'am. I believe I had one other telephone  
12 conversation right around the same time with Mr. Magee  
13 regarding the same request.

14 Q. In Mr. Magee's email he says to you, it's in the last  
15 sentence, "I have not seen these contentions because of the  
16 prohibitions contained in the protective order, but I  
17 understand that they were designated as confidential under  
18 the protective order in place in that litigation."

19 Did you have any conversations with Mr. Magee as to  
20 whether or not he had -- he says that in his email, but did  
21 you have any conversations with him about whether he had seen  
22 the documents at that point?

23 A. I believe that Mr. Magee's request was a request to  
24 obtain copies of the documents. And I'm not sure he  
25 affirmatively said, absent what he said here in writing, that

1 we had a conversation about whether he had copies of the  
2 documents.

3 I assumed, you know, given that this was a part of the  
4 prior proceeding that he did not.

5 Q. Did Mr. Magee during this conversation in August of 2010  
6 give you any indication that Gruber Hurst actually possessed  
7 the document, the McAlexander rebuttal report?

8 A. No, ma'am. Absolutely not.

9 Q. And I take it then that he did not tell you that --  
10 whether those -- that document had already been produced to  
11 the other side in any litigation?

12 A. No, ma'am.

13 Q. Okay. When's the -- what happens after that?

14 Did you -- did you have any further dealings as to his  
15 request?

16 What -- what did you do?

17 A. I forwarded his request to the proper principals at  
18 Value-Added Communications and I followed up with them saying  
19 that this is what I understood Gruber Hurst was asking  
20 permission to obtain copies of and could someone please, you  
21 know, communicate back with Gruber Hurst about the request  
22 and that I had -- I believe I disclosed to our former clients  
23 at Value-Added Communications that I had expressed to  
24 Mr. Magee that I did not anticipate that VAC would  
25 voluntarily provide copies of those documents but that I was

1 passing along the information.

2 Q. And what was your basis for telling Mr. Magee that you  
3 did not believe it would be successful in getting permission  
4 to produce those documents?

5 A. Just that some of the documents that it appeared he was  
6 asking for had been central in a prior contempt proceeding  
7 and I did not anticipate that the clients would voluntarily  
8 provide copies of those documents to Gruber Hurst to produce  
9 in other cases.

10 Q. And as far as you know did the client -- did VAC ever  
11 give permission?

12 A. I understand they did not.

13 Q. When -- let's come forward then, and tell us the next  
14 time that you are involved in a situation involving the issue  
15 in this case.

16 A. I guess sometime -- sometime subsequent to this August  
17 2010 communication with Mr. Magee I didn't have any further  
18 communication with Gruber Hurst or any other counsel for  
19 T-Netix regarding this request.

20 But subsequent to that, the -- in the Combined Public  
21 Communications cases --

22 Q. Is that one of the cases Mr. Magee had talked to you  
23 about that night when you had your conversation?

24 A. Yes, ma'am. In the Combined Public Communication cases  
25 they -- the parties had conducted a -- what sounded like a



1 failed mediation attempt with a magistrate judge in  
2 Louisville, and Mr. Magee was one of the counsel present  
3 during that as well as I believe Mr. Reinhold and the  
4 principals of Combined Public Communications.

5 Following that first failed attempt to mediate, the  
6 principals of Combined Public Communications came into  
7 contact with us to potentially represent them in those cases.

8 Q. And then ultimately did Jones Day accept the engagement  
9 to represent of Combined in that litigation?

10 A. Yes, ma'am.

11 Q. And what -- who is the counsel that was prior counsel  
12 for Combined?

13 who is that, do you remember?

14 A. I believe there was the Stites & Harbison firm out of  
15 Louisville as well as Joe Bell, Campbell, out of Bowling  
16 Green, Kentucky was also involved as a local counsel. And I  
17 don't recall if he was in both the patent litigation as well  
18 as tortious interference cases, but he was certainly in the  
19 tortious interference case.

20 Q. And at the state's law firms, who was the lawyers that  
21 were primarily responsible for the representation of  
22 Combined?

23 A. I believe it was Joel Beres and Christina Ryan.

24 Q. Okay. And did they stay in on the litigation once Jones  
25 Day entered its appearance?

1 A. Maybe for a short amount of time.

2 Q. And what -- what then happened in terms of the materials  
3 that they had? Meaning the -- the prior law firm.

4 A. Pursuant -- there was a -- there was a transfer of  
5 files, correspondence, documents, to Jones Day as new counsel  
6 for Combined Public Communications in those cases.

7 Q. When -- when you entered your appearance in the case  
8 what was the status of the case?

9 Was there discovery ongoing, were there motions?

10 What was going on?

11 A. There had been a -- a second round of court-ordered  
12 mediation before the magistrate judge in Louisville that was  
13 going to occur in a very quick manner as soon as we were  
14 coming in the case. The first round had apparently been  
15 unsuccessful but the judge deemed that there should be a  
16 second round of mediation take place before the magistrate.

17 Q. Ultimately were you involved in discovery in that case?  
18 In the -- in the Combined case?

19 A. Yes, at some point in time.

20 Q. And do you remember when that -- when discovery began in  
21 earnest?

22 A. It was many months after we came into the case, the  
23 reason being that we were involved in several rounds of  
24 additional mediation and an attempt to settle. I mean, there  
25 were multiple cases going between these parties, as well as

1 motions to dismiss, motions to add additional parties  
2 involved in the case. And so while those motions were being  
3 briefed and pleadings were being filed by the different sides  
4 in the litigation we were not -- we did not have ongoing  
5 discovery effort.

6 Q. Okay. Bring us up to the next time the McAlexander  
7 rebuttal report becomes an issue.

8 A. Let me see if I can refer back to my affidavit. Was  
9 that --

10 Q. Exhibit 4.

11 A. Exhibit 4.

12 It appears it was sometime in July 2011 when we were  
13 beginning efforts and -- to restart discovery, the mediation,  
14 and motions to dismiss. Mediation had not been successful at  
15 that point and the motion practice had been fully briefed and  
16 some of that I recall had been ruled on.

17 We began going through the discovery correspondence.  
18 And it was in the course of those efforts of going through  
19 the correspondence to figure out what had and had not been  
20 produced in the Combined Public Communications/Securus  
21 lawsuits in Kentucky that this document was -- or a piece of  
22 correspondence referring to Mr. McAlexander's report was  
23 brought to my attention.

24 Q. Take a look at what are Exhibit 9 and 11 in the book and  
25 tell me if that's one of the pieces of correspondence that

1 you are referring to. Either one or both of those.

2 A. My intent to raise the question was Exhibit 11 and the  
3 privileged log attached to Exhibit 11.

4 Q. And how about Exhibit 9, do you remember seeing that at  
5 about the same time or in the course of -- of this review?

6 A. It looks like this copy has been redacted, I assume for  
7 production or use in this case, but I recall seeing in  
8 correspondence between Mr. Magee and CPC's then counsel at  
9 some point in time in the late summer of 2011.

10 Q. What's -- as to Exhibits 9 and 11, what impact did they  
11 have on you, if any?

12 MR. COOK: Objection, Your Honor. This gets into  
13 Ms. Clouston's state of mind.

14 You know, this is irrelevant. And because Ms. Clouston  
15 at the time was representing another client, you know, this  
16 could get into privilege -- privileged communications. I  
17 would ask that counsel restate the question.

18 MS. MANGOLD: I will -- I will narrow the question,  
19 Your Honor.

20 BY MS. MANGOLD:

21 Q. Do both of these documents -- or do both of these bits  
22 of correspondence deal with the confidential documents from  
23 the earlier case?

24 Did you read them to -- to relate to those?

25 MR. MATEJA: Objection. Vague, Your Honor. I'm

1 not sure I understand. "Confidential documents" in the other  
2 case?

3 MS. MANGOLD: Let me take a look.

4 BY MS. MANGOLD:

5 Q. Take a look at the email -- I'm sorry, the letter which  
6 is 11. As to the letter to Mr. Beres from Mr. Magee, as to  
7 the last -- the first paragraph, it says, "As indicated in  
8 previous discussions."

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Strike that.

11 At the very beginning of that letter it says, "I have  
12 enclosed a preliminary privilege log identifying the  
13 documents or pages of documents that we wish to snap back."

14 Do you see that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And take a look at the document that's identified as  
17 Exhibit A to this letter.

18 Do you see that?

19 A. And the A looks like it's at APP 15 and is a privilege  
20 log.

21 Q. And what's item number 1 on that privilege log?

22 A. It is the -- referred to by a Bates number and  
23 identified under the column privilege document type a  
24 rebuttal expert report of Joseph McAlexander.

25 Q. When you saw -- when you saw this document in --

1     sometime in 2011, this letter, did it -- what impact did it  
2     have on you in the context of your earlier discussions with  
3     Mr. Magee from August of 2010, if any?

4     A.    Well, first --

5                 MR. MATEJA:  Objection, Your Honor.  I'm not sure I  
6     understand "impact."  Vague.

7     BY MS. MANGOLD:

8     Q.    Did you have any reaction to it?

9     A.    I can -- I can explain, you know, what steps I took  
10    next, if that is an appropriate way to -- to answer the  
11    question.

12            I guess the -- the issue that was raised with me, I -- I  
13    had an associate that was going through just the  
14    correspondence file for the Combined Public  
15    Communications/Securus case.  The issue was raised that this  
16    appears to be someone else's document but how is it that  
17    Securus is claiming -- putting a document like that on their  
18    privilege log, is it their privilege, which struck me as odd.

19            I looked at the privilege log and I realized pretty  
20    quickly from the description what I at least thought the  
21    document likely was, given that I have only been involved in  
22    one other contempt proceeding and this was central to that  
23    contempt proceeding, the -- the particular McAlexander  
24    rebuttal report.  It appeared to be one and the same from the  
25    description.

1 Q. What'd you do next?

2 A. Next we took steps -- I recall that at that time that  
3 the -- that Mr. Magee had reached out to me in relation to  
4 some of -- it appeared that some -- the same document, or a  
5 subpart of the same documents that were included in this  
6 privilege log, Exhibit 11. I went back to look to see if I  
7 had that correspondence still.

8 At that point we attempted to determine whether or not  
9 there had been any permission given by Value-Added  
10 Communications, if and what the scope -- if not, then what  
11 the scope of the potential issues were.

12 And I went and talked to my partners at Jones Day and  
13 the ALAS partners at Jones Day to determine what obligations  
14 we had and what steps Jones Day should take to notify -- if  
15 any, to notify its current and former clients.

16 Q. And what did Jones Day do?

17 A. Subsequent to my departure from the Jones Day  
18 partnership and joining Alston & Bird, it appears Jones Day  
19 did determine that the proper course was to notify  
20 Value-Added Communications about the -- what appeared to be  
21 production of documents subject to this protective order in  
22 this Northern District of Texas case.

23 Q. Take a look at what's been marked as -- or, I'm sorry,  
24 what's in evidence as Exhibit 13, which is in your binder.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Tell me what that is.

2 A. Exhibit 13 is a letter response that I wrote to  
3 Mr. Lowenstein at the Bell Nunnally firm and Mr. Magee of the  
4 Gruber Hurst firm after receiving a demand from them that I  
5 take certain steps if they had not already been taken to  
6 sequester and remove the documents that had been improperly  
7 produced in previous cases.

8 Q. What steps, if any, did you take or had you taken in  
9 that regard?

10 A. We had -- we had immediately taken steps to segregate  
11 the documents, determine what we could find that had been  
12 improperly produced in the case, determine if there were  
13 others, and we had segregated and expunged them from our  
14 records. And they were never provided to anyone by our side.  
15 And I stated that in my response letter to Mr. Magee and  
16 Mr. Lowenstein.

17 Q. Has the protective order in this case ever been  
18 modified, the one you looked at, at the very beginning of  
19 your testimony? Has -- has that protective order ever been  
20 modified?

21 A. Not to my knowledge. I believe that judge -- that was  
22 part of the motions that had been filed by the T-Netix  
23 parties as part of the former contempt proceeding to enforce  
24 the protective order and Judge Sanderson denied the relief to  
25 modify the protective order.



1 MS. MANGOLD: Thank you, Ms. Clouston.

2 I have no further questions at this time.

3 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Ms. Mangold.

4 MR. MATEJA: Cross-examination, Your Honor?

5 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

6 MR. MATEJA: I don't want to be presumptuous  
7 either, Your Honor, but there's also other defense counsel as  
8 well. But if you don't mind, Jeff, I'm going to take  
9 the --

10 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Be my guest.

11 CROSS EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. MATEJA:

13 Q. Ms. Clouston, my name is Bill Mateja. I'm with Fish &  
14 Richardson and I represent Gruber Hurst.

15 First, thank you. You agreed to accept the subpoena  
16 that we had issued and we appreciate that very much.

17 Now, one thing that I'd like to find out a little bit  
18 more about, because I had never seen this McAlexander report  
19 because it supposedly was subject to the protective order,  
20 is -- tell the court what this report is.

21 A. Well, I haven't seen it in quite some time. It is  
22 subject of the protective order.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. I don't believe that that is in dispute.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. It was, you know, discussed in --

2 Q. No. No. No. You can just answer my question about  
3 it's a rebuttal report that talks about what?

4 A. It addresses infringement or invalidity contentions and  
5 contains a rebuttal to some of the technical expert testimony  
6 that Value-Added Communications and Value-Added  
7 Communications' engineers had put forth about what's talked  
8 about in patent cases as prior art, prior art on systems that  
9 had been developed by Value-Added Communications, prior art  
10 in other published and unpublished patents, technical  
11 documents. And this was a rebuttal that came from the  
12 T-Netix outside retained expert --

13 Q. All right.

14 A. -- rebutting some of the prior art contentions.

15 It's -- it's quite long, as I recall, and incorporated  
16 testimony from various witnesses, both technical witnesses  
17 and others, as well as documents that have been exchanged in  
18 the case.

19 Q. So the report itself is actually a report that's  
20 prepared by the expert that T-Netix hired in that case; is  
21 that right?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Okay. And it relates to invalidity contentions that  
24 have been made in that case by your client, which is  
25 Value-Added Communications, right?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And the invalidity contentions, just because I want to  
3 make sure we understand this, invalidity has to do with,  
4 example, if there is prior art that exists out there in the  
5 world then it might make a patent invalid because the art  
6 already existed prior to the patent; is that right?

7 A. Yes. That's a part. I mean, that's what -- generally  
8 what the invalidity contentions we're discussing.

9 Q. All right. I'll be honest with you. I had no idea what  
10 it meant until this case. Okay?

11 So -- so that I understand this then, is -- does the  
12 report have to do with invalidity contentions?

13 A. That is my recollection. I mean, that's the -- on the  
14 face of it what the title is.

15 Q. Okay. So if in the case that Mr. Magee called you  
16 about, okay, the other side in that case, had asked for  
17 documents that related to invalidity contentions, do you  
18 believe that this report would have been responsive to a  
19 discovery request along those lines?

20 MR. COOK: Objection, Your Honor, completely  
21 irrelevant, calls for speculation.

22 MR. MATEJA: It doesn't call for speculation, Your  
23 Honor. She's a lawyer, handles these kind of cases all the  
24 time.

25 THE COURT: Overruled.

1 THE WITNESS: Depending upon what the requests were  
2 from the Pinnacle Telmate lawyers and the CPC counsel, it --  
3 it could have been.

4 BY MR. MATEJA:

5 Q. Okay. I mean, just generally if they request documents  
6 that relate to invalidity contentions related to the patent  
7 that's in the lawsuit, then this report could have been  
8 responsive to that. Is that correct?

9 A. I mean, depending, again, what -- what the request was.

10 Q. I didn't give you the specifics.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. I've just given you the general.

13 A. It could be.

14 Q. Okay. Okay. Now, the invalidity contentions themselves  
15 though, I mean, that's actually kind of a term of art that's  
16 different than an expert report that may deal with  
17 invalidity; is that correct?

18 A. Typically that's true, as I understand it.

19 Q. So, I mean -- and, again, I'm no patent litigator, but  
20 as I understand it in patent litigation cases a party might  
21 file a pleading that's called their -- their invalidity  
22 contentions; is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. I mean, it's a pleading. Is it styled invalidity  
25 contention up at the top?

1 A. Usually the parties exchange some sort of proposed terms  
2 and what they believe the scope of the patents would be on  
3 each side. How -- how terms including words in the patent  
4 should be interpreted. And then they could come to agreement  
5 on that or not. Then there may be expert testimony --

6 Q. Right.

7 A. -- if you do not agree about what those terms may be,  
8 regarding what the claims are, what is valid and what may not  
9 be -- what may be invalid.

10 Q. Thank you.

11 Let's -- let's turn our attention, if we can, already  
12 admitted into evidence is VAC Exhibit Number 4, which was  
13 previously marked Gruber Hurst Exhibit 23. If I could --

14 THE COURT: I'm sorry, which number?

15 MR. MATEJA: It's VAC Exhibit Number 4.

16 THE WITNESS: Mr. Mateja, is it in the white  
17 notebook?

18 BY MR. MATEJA:

19 Q. Well, I'm going to try to stick to the white notebook as  
20 much as I can. It's your declaration that you have referred  
21 to a number of times.

22 If we can let's go ahead and turn to paragraph 15 of  
23 that declaration.

24 MR. MATEJA: And, Beverly, if we can, it's at the  
25 very bottom.

1 BY MR. MATEJA:

2 Q. And correct me if I read this wrong.

3 You have referred to your declaration a number of times.

4 In paragraph 15 it reads "Subsequently, in or about July  
5 2011, in preparation for upcoming discovery --" let's go to  
6 the next page, which is page 6.

7 MR. MATEJA: And let's blowup that paragraph.

8 THE COMPUTER OPERATOR: I'm sorry.

9 MR. MATEJA: No. You're doing fine, Bev.

10 Your Honor, by the way, this is Beverly Congdon, who is  
11 with the Gruber Hurst firm who is assisting. I forgot to  
12 introduce Bev.

13 BY MR. MATEJA:

14 Q. Okay. So up at the very top, preparation for  
15 depositions. "I asked one of my associates at Jones Day to  
16 review discovery-related correspondence that were in the  
17 files transferred in or about November 2010 to Jones Day by  
18 CPC's former counsel Stites & Harbison."

19 And CPC is Combined; is that right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. "During that review, the Jones Day associate brought to  
22 my attention two documents she found while reviewing the  
23 discovery correspondence: an August 27, 2010 letter from  
24 Magee to Stites & Harbison referencing Gruber Hurst's  
25 inadvertent production of privileged documents and (2) the

1 privilege log Enclosed with Mr. Magee's letter. I  
2 immediately recognized that among the materials identified in  
3 the privilege log was the McAlexander rebuttal report, one of  
4 the AEO designated documents subject to the protective order  
5 in this litigation. This is the first time that I had seen  
6 either Mr. Magee's letter or the attached privilege log."

7 Did I read that correctly?

8 A. Yes, you did.

9 Q. And if we look at the next paragraph, I mean that's the  
10 extent in your declaration at least of talking about what it  
11 is that you actually see in this July 2011 time frame; is  
12 that correct?

13 A. Yes. That is correct.

14 Q. Okay. In the declaration it doesn't say anything about  
15 how you actually saw the McAlexander report, does it?

16 A. It -- it does not.

17 Q. Okay. I mean, even if you look at paragraph 16, I mean,  
18 we start talking about other things, but I mean there's no  
19 mention made of how you have seen the report or had a copy of  
20 the report given to you or have anything with you actually  
21 physically possessing or looking at the report; is that  
22 correct?

23 A. As soon as I saw the correspondence --

24 Q. Right.

25 A. -- this is pointing to, I -- I knew Mr. Mateja what the

1 report was --

2 Q. Right.

3 A. -- because, again, it had been central to the prior  
4 proceeding before Judge Sanderson.

5 Q. Okay. I mean, the truth is -- is that you never looked  
6 at the report in July of 2011, did you?

7 A. I -- we looked at the documents. I don't recall if I  
8 looked at it or maybe looked at the first page. I did not  
9 review it carefully, go through any part of the report.

10 Q. Right.

11 A. I looked at the correspondence and in that point of July  
12 2011 we were attempting to determine if this was improperly  
13 obtained --

14 Q. Right.

15 A. -- and produced --

16 Q. Right.

17 A. -- if there had been permission given.

18 There were many other documents that had that --

19 Q. And you did answer my question. I understand that.

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. My question is focused on the report itself.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. I mean, the truth is that you personally never looked at  
24 the McAlexander report in July of 2011; is that correct?

25 A. I believe I did. I -- I did not go through every page,



1 but I believe I had the related Bates number pulled and  
2 looked at the first couple of pages of it to confirm that it  
3 was what I thought it was.

4 Q. Now, tell me where in your declaration it says that you  
5 actually looked at the report.

6 A. I don't know if it -- if it does, Mr. Mateja.

7 Q. Well, it doesn't, does it?

8 A. I'm not sure if it does. I can tell you I recognized at  
9 that time in July 2011 what appeared to be a concern under  
10 the protective order and we were taking steps to  
11 determine --

12 Q. You know --

13 A. -- if there was a concern --

14 Q. -- and I'm sorry to interrupt --

15 A. -- and what to do.

16 Q. -- but you have answered my question to a certain  
17 extent, but I want to make sure I get a full-fledged answer.

18 I mean, it's not in here.

19 Let's take a look at paragraph 16. In 16, let's take a  
20 look at it, is there anywhere in paragraph 16 where it says  
21 that you physically looked at the McAlexander report?

22 A. No, it does not.

23 Q. In paragraph 17 it doesn't say that you physically  
24 looked at the McAlexander report, does it?

25 A. It does not. Paragraph 17 addresses the timing of when

1 I departed from the partnership of Jones Day and joined  
2 Alston & Bird.

3 Q. And we'll come back to that in just a second, but  
4 because you went back through the prior correspondence in the  
5 case, did you see the correspondence from the Stites &  
6 Harbison firm that indicated that they sent back the  
7 McAlexander report and that they destroyed any copies that  
8 they might have electronically?

9 A. I -- I'm not sure at that point in time if I had seen  
10 that or if it was subsequently, but prior to today, yes, I  
11 have seen those.

12 Q. In fact --

13 A. -- that correspondence.

14 Q. -- you know that Stites & Harbison represented to my  
15 client, Gruber Hurst, that they had deleted the McAlexander  
16 report and that they had sent back the electronic hard drive  
17 that Gruber Hurst originally sent to them that had the report  
18 on it.

19 A. I'm not sure I know that. If they filed something in  
20 this proceeding -- in this particular hearing I haven't been  
21 privy to it, but I saw the correspondence that we were  
22 referring to earlier from Mr. Magee.

23 Q. Okay. Well, I'm talking about correspondence from  
24 Ms. Christina Ryan who actually was a lawyer with Stites &  
25 Harbison.

1 I mean, you're aware that Stites & Harbison told Gruber  
2 Hurst before July of 2011 that they had destroyed the  
3 McAlexander report and that they had sent back the copy that  
4 was on the external hard drive to Gruber Hurst.

5 A. I saw correspondence to that effect at some point in  
6 time.

7 Q. Okay. But you're telling the court today that you  
8 actually saw the McAlexander report.

9 A. I did see the -- Mr. McAlexander report.

10 Q. But you didn't put it in your declaration, did you?

11 A. Not in the paragraphs that we have looked at, but that  
12 wasn't the -- the focus of -- what -- what I was asked to  
13 testify about.

14 I was -- I was asked, Mr. Mateja, and subpoenaed by you  
15 to be here, to put forth a timeline of what had occurred. I  
16 assumed that it was uncontested --

17 Q. But wouldn't it be --

18 A. -- that Mr. Gruber Hurst --

19 Q. -- important to put you -- wouldn't it be important to  
20 put in your declaration that you actually physically saw the  
21 report and that -- what you did with the report?

22 Because there's nothing mentioned in your declaration.

23 A. In the letter that I sent back to Bell Nunnally --

24 Q. Right.

25 A. -- and Gruber Hurst that appears to be part of this

1 record, I did discuss what I had -- the steps I had taken,  
2 the steps that we had taken to make sure that there was --  
3 there was an improper disclosure from our side of the report.  
4 So I -- I'm sorry, I'm missing the point of --

5 Q. But, Ms. Clouston --

6 A. -- that's not what I was asked to do. I was asked to  
7 put together a timeline.

8 THE COURT: Ms. Clouston, sometimes when we are  
9 called as witnesses, as lawyers we sort of get on in our  
10 advocacy role as opposed to our witness role.

11 I'm going to ask you to listen what he's asking you and  
12 just answer that. And you've got a lawyer, very capable  
13 here, to object when it's appropriate.

14 BY MR. MATEJA:

15 Q. When you put together the declaration you did it in  
16 conjunction with counsel for Value-Added Communications; is  
17 that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And it was T-Netix this contempt proceeding?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. And some of the issues that the court knows are a  
22 part of this proceeding is -- is what remedy needs to occur  
23 in order to right the supposed wrong, i.e., if there was an  
24 offending document like the McAlexander report, the court  
25 would need to know about it so it could remedy that and make

1 sure that it either went back to the right party or was  
2 destroyed.

3 So in your declaration you say nothing about the fact  
4 that you-all had the document, what you did with the document  
5 to destroy it, nothing along those lines. Is that right?

6 A. That is correct.

7 Q. Okay. But yet Ms. Stites -- or excuse me, Ms. Ryan at  
8 Stites & Harbison said that you never got the document  
9 because they destroyed it and they sent back the external  
10 hard drive back in August of 2010. Isn't that right?

11 MS. MANGOLD: Objection.

12 THE WITNESS: I don't know what Ms. Ryan --

13 THE COURT: Let me ask you to just stop for a  
14 moment.

15 What is your objection?

16 MS. MANGOLD: The objection is what Ms. Stites said  
17 about whether the Jones Day law firm actually received it.  
18 There's no foundation for that.

19 MR. MATEJA: She said she had reviewed the  
20 documentation from the Stites & Harbison law firm, Your  
21 Honor.

22 THE WITNESS: You're incorrect. I said I had  
23 reviewed the Gruber Hurst correspondence that went to  
24 Stites & Harbison that I believe we've already discussed.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Mateja, you probably need to

1 rephrase your question then.

2 MR. MATEJA: Okay. Actually, I'm going to move on,  
3 Your Honor, to paragraph 17.

4 BY MR. MATEJA:

5 Q. So, Mrs. Clouston, on paragraph 17 we see in this  
6 paragraph, and correct me if I read this wrong, but "Around  
7 the same time I left Jones Day and joined Alston & Bird LLP."

8 "Around this time I left Jones Day and joined Alston &  
9 Bird. In October 2011, Jones Day notified VAC of the  
10 apparent misuse of T-Netix/Securus and/or its outside  
11 counsel, Gruber Hurst of VAC's confidential information in  
12 further violation of the protective order."

13 So tell me, when did you leave Jones Day?

14 A. It was in August of 2011.

15 Q. August of 2011. Okay.

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Okay. Did you know that in this case that the motion to  
18 reopen the case was not filed until August of 2012, some ten  
19 days after Jones Day notifies VAC?

20 A. I have not reviewed the document in this proceeding, so  
21 no.

22 Q. Okay. Go with me. I'm not making that up.

23 So if Jones Day notified VAC in October 2011, it took  
24 VAC ten months after it was told by Jones Day about the  
25 McAlexander report, to actually file a motion to reopen this

1 case. Is that right?

2 A. If -- if your dates are correct. That appears to be  
3 right.

4 MR. MATEJA: They are, Your Honor --

5 BY MR. MATEJA:

6 Q. Or they are, Mrs. Clouston, yes.

7 A. You can't escalate me like that.

8 (Laughter)

9 Q. Now, it's July of 2011 when you become aware of the  
10 McAlexander report in the Combined production. I mean, I  
11 know that you have told the court that you visited with some  
12 of your partners, but, in fact, I mean, you could have  
13 contacted VAC in July of 2011. Isn't that correct?

14 A. Could I?

15 Are you asking steps and things I could have done?

16 Q. Well, you could have called them up when you saw that  
17 they had this. And obviously this document was subject to a  
18 protective order, as you stated, I don't -- there's no  
19 contention otherwise.

20 A. And I -- I -- I did not do that.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. And --

23 Q. You answered my question.

24 And you could have contacted them before you left,  
25 whenever that was, sometime in August of 2011?

1 A. I could have, but it wouldn't have followed the protocol  
2 set forth at Jones Day for this type of situation.

3 Q. Okay. Now, Jones Day could have contacted VAC in August  
4 of 2011, after you left; is that correct?

5 A. I -- I --

6 MR. COOK: Objection, calls for speculation.

7 THE WITNESS: -- what Jones Day could or couldn't  
8 have done, I believe --

9 BY MR. MATEJA:

10 Q. All they have got to do is pick up the telephone and  
11 call the CEO of VAC.

12 MR. COOK: Objection, Your Honor. He's asking her  
13 to testify what Jones Day could have done after she left  
14 Jones Day.

15 THE COURT: Mr. Mateja, let's move along.

16 BY MR. MATEJA:

17 Q. All right. The boom line is that from the time that you  
18 at Jones Day find out about the report, I mean, it takes the  
19 rest of July, September, August, and into October before  
20 Jones Day notifies VAC about the possession of a document  
21 that was very important, that you knew it had been part of a  
22 contempt proceeding previously. Isn't that correct?

23 A. Yes. I assumed they were going through the  
24 protocols --

25 Q. You answered my question.



1           You answered my question. Thank you.

2           I want to explore just a second, Mrs. Clouston, in the  
3           underlying VAC case that VAC sought to reopen and has been  
4           reopened and gives rise to this proceeding, the -- the case  
5           was actually settled sometime ago.

6           Do you recall what the date of that settlement was?

7           I think you had to refer to something, but I don't  
8           remember the date.

9           A. I believe it was sometime in the fall of 2008 or late  
10          2008.

11          Q. Okay. And this was after the -- the settlement happens  
12          after the hearing in front of Judge Sanderson?

13          A. Yes, sir.

14          Q. It appears after you file the motion to enforce the  
15          protective order which gave rise to the hearing in front of  
16          Judge Sanderson; is that correct?

17          A. Yes, sir.

18          Q. And ultimately as a part of that settlement the -- your  
19          client, VAC, files a motion essentially to withdraw that  
20          motion to enforce the protective order; is that correct?

21          A. Yes.

22          Q. And so at least as of the time of the settlement, you  
23          know, there was no final order that was issued in that case,  
24          VAC had withdrawn its motion to enforce the protective order,  
25          and that's where things stood as of that day; is that

1 correct?

2 A. I believe procedurally that's where it stood.

3 Q. Now, let's turn our attention to another area. And  
4 let's talk about the time when Mr. Magee calls you up in  
5 August of 2008.

6 And I believe that the email that counsel for VAC showed  
7 you was an email that you had gotten from Mr. Magee dated  
8 August the 25th. Is that your recollection?

9 A. I believe so. I believe the year was 2010 instead of  
10 2008, as you had --

11 Q. My bad. My bad.

12 And let's go ahead and throw that up on the screen, if  
13 we can. That would be Exhibit Number 13. It's our 13. And  
14 it's already into evidence as VAC Exhibit 10.

15 Okay. So if we can blow up the date. That's August the  
16 25th. And then let's go to the very next page, to the second  
17 page, Mrs. Clouston.

18 And this is basically an email where Mr. Magee is  
19 writing you to kind of confirm the conversation that he had  
20 with you the prior day.

21 Correct me if I read this wrong.

22 "Stephanie: Thank you for taking the time to talk to me  
23 last night. I have attached a copy of the letter that my  
24 colleague sent to VAC's CEO earlier this month.

25 "Please would you follow-up with VAC and let me know as

1 soon as you can what its position is with regard to our  
2 clients producing in the two cases identified above marked as  
3 'confidential - attorneys eyes only' the agreements  
4 identified in the letter."

5 Now, what letter is he talking about?

6 A. I believe he's talking about a letter that Gruber Hurst  
7 had sent to Value-Added Communications. It doesn't appear to  
8 be attached to Exhibit -- well, I'm looking at Exhibit 10.  
9 I'm sorry.

10 Q. I tell you what. why don't we look at the Gruber Hurst  
11 Exhibit binder now. And let's take a look at Gruber Hurst  
12 Exhibit 9.

13 MR. MATEJA: which, Your Honor, I would go ahead  
14 and offer up. I don't know if --

15 THE COURT: Is there any objection?

16 MS. MANGOLD: No, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Did you offer the whole binder or  
18 Exhibit 9?

19 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, while we're at it, if I  
20 can, that would be optimal.

21 THE COURT: It's fine with me, but are there any  
22 objections?

23 MS. MANGOLD: I have not had a chance to look at  
24 the whole thing right now, Your Honor. we'll look at it  
25 though.

1 THE COURT: Okay. Well, let's start with Number 9  
2 and --

3 THE WITNESS: Mr. Mateja, I --

4 THE COURT: -- and come back to that.

5 THE WITNESS: -- I'm not sure, I just opened this  
6 binder and I do see that there is an outline that says Gruber  
7 Hurst position regarding show cause and I'm not sure if it's  
8 privileged and you want it back.

9 MR. MATEJA: It's not.

10 Thank you though.

11 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, Mr. Mateja, which number  
12 would you like --

13 BY MR. MATEJA:

14 Q. Exhibit 9. And -- and while you're flipping to 9  
15 recall -- and we were just talking about how Mr. Magee was  
16 following up on a letter that had been sent to T-Netix as to  
17 whether or not T-Netix could turn over in other litigation  
18 some agreements that had been entered in the VAC case.

19 And so let's blow up that, if we can, the re lines.

20 If we look at the re lines we see that these are two  
21 cases and -- and one of those cases is the Combined case that  
22 we've talked about; is that correct?

23 A. Yes, it is.

24 Q. And then the other case is the Pinnacle public services  
25 case in the Northern District that we've also talked about;

1 is that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. So the date of this letter is August the 9th.

4 And let's take a look at the very first paragraph of  
5 this document.

6 And in the very first paragraph it says, "We represent  
7 T-Netix in the above-named patent infringement suits and its  
8 parent and affiliate corporations Securus Technologies and  
9 Evercom Systems. We have received requests for production of  
10 documents in these cases that would require our clients to  
11 produce copies of the agreements identified in Exhibit A to  
12 this letter."

13 Is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And then if we take a look at Exhibit A, which I believe  
16 is attached, we see that there is a protective order that's  
17 been entered in the T-Netix versus Combined Public  
18 Communications case; is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. But at least what is -- what is actually listed  
21 in the Exhibit A is a settlement agreement and release dated  
22 8/1 of '08 and an amended and restated -- it says patent,  
23 but I think that means patent license; is that correct?

24 A. I would assume so.

25 Q. And -- and essentially this letter is asking if VAC

1 would agree to allow T-Netix to produce this in the two cases  
2 noted on the re line; is that correct?

3 A. It -- it appears so.

4 Mr. -- someone from the Gruber Hurst firm is the author  
5 of this document.

6 Q. Okay. Demarron A. Berkley. And it purports that he is  
7 a lawyer with Gruber Hurst, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. So it's apparent from looking at this letter that in  
10 these cases there are discovery requests that are being made  
11 to T-Netix/Securus, and that they're following up on these  
12 requests and they have to reach out to parties in other  
13 litigation in order to get documents that would be responsive  
14 to those discovery requests. Is that a fair statement?

15 A. It appears so from this correspondence.

16 Q. So when Mr. -- when Tony Magee calls you not only is he  
17 following up on this, but I also want to direct your  
18 attention if we can to what has been previously marked as  
19 Gruber Hurst Exhibit Number 8 --

20 MR. MATEJA: which we would offer.

21 THE COURT: Any objection?

22 MS. MANGOLD: Your Honor, let me find it.

23 MR. MATEJA: And while she's finding it, Your  
24 Honor, it is the defendant's first set of request for  
25 production of documents to plaintiff in the T-Netix versus

1 Combined Public Communications case.

2 MS. MANGOLD: No objection, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: It's admitted.

4 BY MR. MATEJA:

5 Q. So, Ms. Clouston, if we can, let's take a look at page 9  
6 of what has been introduced as Gruber Hurst Exhibit 8. And  
7 let's take a look at requests number 13 and 14, which, again,  
8 is on page 9 of the document.

9 And correct me if I read this wrong, but it says --  
10 Request number 13 says, "All documents or things that could  
11 be prior art with respect to any patent-in-suit either alone  
12 or in combination with other prior art, including, but not  
13 limited to, any documents or things you believe or that  
14 others have asserted to be prior art with respect to any  
15 patent-in-suit and/or related patents."

16 Did I read that correct?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And then request number 14, "All documents or things  
19 that indicate the existence of potential sources of prior art  
20 with respect to any patent-in-suit (regardless of any belief  
21 that it may be cumulative to other prior art)."

22 Did I read that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, we've talked about this prior art, how prior art is  
25 kind of central to the notion of invalidity connections; is

1 that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Because an invalidity contention could be that the  
4 patent is invalid because prior art exists such that the --  
5 you could defend on the basis of invalidity of the patent.  
6 Is that correct?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. Okay. So, again, this is an RFP in connection with that  
9 case.

10 And if you will, take a look at the -- the end of the  
11 document. This would be pages -- page 16, that -- the -- the  
12 date of the certificate of service is June 23rd, 2010. Is  
13 that correct?

14 A. Yes. That's what the document says.

15 Q. Okay. So -- so when Mr. Magee calls he's following up  
16 on Demarron Berkley's letter that we saw, which is Gruber  
17 Hurst Exhibit 9. And he also tells you that they have made a  
18 request for invalidity contentions in the Combined and I  
19 believe also the Pinnacle cases; is that correct?

20 A. Yes. That's my recollection.

21 Q. Okay. And -- and, in fact, they have requested  
22 materials that relate to invalidity contentions based upon  
23 your review of the RFPs that we just looked at; is that  
24 correct?

25 A. Yes. In numbers 13 and 14 from the Combined Public



1 Communications.

2 I don't believe you've shown me anything from the  
3 Pinnacle discovery requests.

4 Q. Right. But at least for Combined; is that correct?

5 A. It appears so.

6 Q. So when he calls you on the 24th of August, I mean, he  
7 asks you for permission to basically disclose any invalidity  
8 contentions and also the two agreements that are subject of  
9 Mr. Berkley's letter; is that correct?

10 A. My recollection is he is asking permission to obtain  
11 copies of them in order to then obtain permission to  
12 disclose.

13 Q. Okay. Okay. And ultimately it's your understanding  
14 that VAC said no.

15 A. Yes. That's my understanding.

16 Q. Okay. And do you know whether or not Mr. Magee even  
17 knew of the existence of the McAlexander report at the time  
18 that he called you on August the 24th?

19 MR. COOK: Objection, calls for speculation, Your  
20 Honor.

21 MR. MATEJA: I just asked if she knew.

22 THE COURT: Yeah. He just asked her if she knew.  
23 You may answer.

24 THE WITNESS: I don't recall of him specifically  
25 mentioning the McAlexander report. He did mention invalidity

1 contentions that had -- had been the subject of a prior  
2 proceeding.

3 BY MR. MATEJA:

4 Q. Okay. So for all you know he had no idea that the  
5 McAlexander report existed when he called you on August the  
6 24th?

7 A. I'm not sure. I think I wouldn't want to speculate.

8 Q. Well, do you know?

9 A. He did not specifically mention Mr. McAlexander in the  
10 invalidity contention. He mentioned the invalidity  
11 contentions that were a subject of the prior proceeding.

12 Q. That's right. That's right.

13 And you have no knowledge as you sit here today that he  
14 knew when he talked to you about the McAlexander report?

15 A. He said he had never seen any reports --

16 Q. I know that's what you told me before, but I'm asking  
17 you --

18 A. -- and that's what his correspondence says --

19 Q. -- I'm asking you a very specific question though, and I  
20 ask that you answer that question.

21 A. Okay. I don't understand.

22 Q. As you sit here today you have no idea whether or not  
23 Mr. Magee knew about the McAlexander report on August the  
24 24th, when he called you.

25 A. I don't know.

1 Q. Okay. You don't know that he had any knowledge; is that  
2 correct?

3 A. I -- I don't know. I can only surmise from the  
4 surrounding correspondence that --

5 Q. Well, no, no.

6 A. -- what he was asking for.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. But I don't know. He did not say to me -- he did not  
9 name specifically Mr. McAlexander's invalidity report that  
10 had been subject of the VAC sanctions proceeding previously.  
11 He said he did not --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- he did not have them.

14 Q. I mean, the truth was Mr. Magee was not -- he didn't  
15 even work for Gruber Hurst at the time of the original VAC  
16 case, this case that we're here today for.

17 A. I don't know.

18 Q. Okay. He didn't start until September of 2008, and you  
19 had settled the case by that time; is that correct?

20 A. I believe so. I didn't know when he had started with  
21 the Gruber Hurst law firm.

22 Q. Okay. But if that's true, that he doesn't start up  
23 until September, then there wouldn't -- I mean, he wasn't  
24 involved in this case at all, the case that we're here for  
25 today.

1 A. I never dealt with Mr. Magee and the -- the -- of the  
2 Gruber Hurst firm in connection with this lawsuit. I dealt  
3 with several of his other -- of the other Gruber Hurst  
4 partners, but not Mr. Magee.

5 Q. Which was Mr. Tautfest and Mr. Lang?

6 A. Yes. As I recall. And perhaps Mr. Gruber in connection  
7 with the prior sanctions hearing.

8 Q. All right. Now, one thing that I want to make sure that  
9 we clear up, because in the direct examination there was a  
10 question asked about, you know, why you didn't think that VAC  
11 would give permission to Gruber Hurst to obtain the documents  
12 to disclose, and you mentioned that it was because you knew  
13 that VAC knew that it was the subject of this prior contempt  
14 proceeding; is that correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. Now, you never told -- I mean, the McAlexander  
17 report never came up in your conversation, so you didn't talk  
18 about that report or the contempt proceeding or anything  
19 related to that during your conversation, did you?

20 A. I had two phone calls with Mr. Magee --

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. -- on or about these same dates that are referenced in  
23 these correspondence --

24 Q. Right.

25 A. -- and during that phone call I said given the prior

1 proceedings surrounding these reports I doubt that they will  
2 give permission voluntarily for them to be produced but I  
3 will --

4 Q. Is that your exact words?

5 A. I can't remember my exact words, Mr. Mateja, but it was  
6 something in that that we mentioned that there had been a  
7 prior proceeding and that given the prior proceeding I did  
8 not think that VAC would give permission, but that I was --  
9 he was asking me to see if I could get someone to respond to  
10 him --

11 Q. Right.

12 A. -- in this relation, and I passed that information  
13 along.

14 Q. Okay. Did you go into any details about what those  
15 proceedings were about?

16 Doesn't sound like it.

17 A. Mr. Magee appeared to understand what the proceeding was  
18 about. But he -- he didn't ask. He -- he seemed to be  
19 familiar with that there had been some problem previously.

20 Q. So what did he tell you?

21 A. He said, "I understand."

22 Q. And that's it?

23 A. I -- I don't remember exactly, but it was something  
24 along the lines of "I understand."

25 Q. I mean, could he have understood that in fact it was a

1 fairly contentious lawsuit, the lawsuit between VAC and  
2 T-Netix/Securus?

3 I mean, he could have understood that, correct?

4 MS. MANGOLD: Objection to what he could have  
5 understood.

6 THE COURT: Sustained.

7 BY MR. MATEJA:

8 Q. Now, Ms. Clouston, I want to -- I want to talk to you a  
9 little bit about the protective order from the initial VAC  
10 case.

11 You're familiar with the protective order; is that  
12 correct?

13 A. I am.

14 Q. Okay. Did you help draft it?

15 A. I -- I believe I did.

16 Q. All right. And -- and you're familiar with the fact  
17 that the protective order allows only certain individuals to  
18 have confidential and attorneys eyes only information under  
19 that protective order, correct?

20 A. Without looking at specific provisions I'm not here to  
21 give an opinion as to what the protective order said, but it  
22 did have various levels, like often protective orders do --

23 Q. Right.

24 A. -- in these types of technical information competitor  
25 litigation to allow the parties to designate that the

1 opposing side could only allow certain designated  
2 outside-of-the-company individuals to obtain information and  
3 designated counsel.

4 Q. And -- and during your direct exam, I'm really just  
5 referring to the testimony you've already given, which is  
6 page 7, paragraph 16, and this would have been --

7 A. Can you tell me which exhibit?

8 Q. That would have been -- I believe it's their Exhibit  
9 Number 1.

10 A. Okay. I believe it's also attached to your Exhibit 9.  
11 Yes.

12 Q. And it's also our Exhibit 1 as well.

13 A. I'll go to the one before.

14 MR. MATEJA: Let's go ahead -- because we have it  
15 let's go ahead and put up Gruber Hurst Exhibit Number 1,  
16 which, again, is VAC Exhibit Number 1.

17 BY MR. MATEJA:

18 Q. And so let's take a look at page 7.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. So midway down the page at the very end, last sentence  
21 of paragraph 15 it says, "Documents designated counsel eyes  
22 only confidential information and contents thereof shall be  
23 available only to counsel for the parties, the technical  
24 advisors who are assisting them, data processing vendors, and  
25 graphics and trial consultants."

1 Did I read that correct?

2 A. You're referring at the end of paragraph 16 on page 7?

3 Q. You're right. My bad, sorry.

4 Did I read that correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. And so there are certain categories which relate  
7 to counsel, technical advisors, data processing vendors, and  
8 graphics trial consultants; is that correct?

9 A. Yes. That's what the document says.

10 Q. And if we can look at page 4. And we'll look at  
11 paragraph 9 on page 4.

12 We see that under paragraph 9 that relates to kind of  
13 the carve out for counsel to be able to see protected  
14 documents; is that right?

15 A. Yes. Appears so.

16 Q. And then paragraph 10 is -- deals with technical  
17 advisors; is that correct?

18 A. Yes. It appears so.

19 Q. And then finally trial consultants is paragraph 14,  
20 which is on page 6. Again, another kind of carve out for  
21 persons that can possess or see protected information; is  
22 that correct?

23 A. I believe so.

24 Q. Okay. Now, in -- in the underlying VAC case when you  
25 brought the motion to enforce the protective order, okay, so



1 let's think back, 2008, okay, in that case, I mean, you  
2 argued that it was improper for VAC's counsel, Bell Nunnally,  
3 to produce protected information to Gruber Hurst this case;  
4 is that correct?

5 A. Yes. That was one of the issues that was addressed with  
6 Judge Sanderson.

7 Q. Okay. And -- and the basis for that was that you did  
8 not believe that Gruber Hurst constituted either counsel or  
9 technical advisor or a trial consultant. Would that be a  
10 fair statement?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. Okay. And, in fact, I'll tell you what, if you can,  
13 let's take a look at VAC Exhibit Number 2.

14 MR. MATEJA: May I approach, Your Honor?

15 THE COURT: Yes.

16 MR. MATEJA: I think it will be easier.

17 BY MR. MATEJA:

18 Q. Focus your attention to page 28.

19 And then let's take a look at the very last paragraph.  
20 This is the transcript from the proceeding in front of  
21 Judge Sanderson.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. And then we're going to look at this paragraph right  
24 here (indicating), but just so that you can see -- I want to  
25 make sure you feel comfortable knowing that this is you

1 talking. Let's see where we've got to go to.

2 Okay. So Ms. Clouston we see on page 25, line 25.

3 And then let's flip to page 28.

4 Okay. So correct me if I read this wrong, that this is  
5 what you're telling the court.

6 "In addition, the agreed protective order clearly  
7 prohibits providing to anyone other than counsel hired for  
8 this case documents that have been designated as counsel eyes  
9 only confidential information but they also violated that  
10 provision of the protective order by first providing the  
11 documents to the Gruber firm who we think from the record  
12 were not counsel in this case when they were provided the  
13 information."

14 That's your statement to the court; is that correct?

15 A. Yes, it appears so.

16 Q. So you're telling the court that basically Gruber Hurst  
17 is not a party to the protective order, right?

18 A. Yes. That was our position.

19 I think that's -- was the -- where the -- where Judge  
20 Sanderson essentially came out in his report as well, given  
21 that Gruber Hurst did not formally appear during the course  
22 of the hearing before Judge Sanderson.

23 Q. Okay. Now, you're aware that Mr. Tautfest actually did  
24 sign a confidentiality agreement under the protective order  
25 that was -- there's -- there's an example of it. It's the

1 very last document on Movant's Exhibit Number 1.

2 Were -- were you aware of that?

3 Okay. Take a look at the last -- I'm sorry, Exhibit 1,  
4 in your white binder.

5 MR. MATEJA: May I approach, Your Honor?

6 THE COURT: Yes.

7 BY MR. MATEJA:

8 Q. So the last page of VAC Exhibit 1 is a sample  
9 confidentiality agreement; is that correct?

10 A. It is. Pardon me, Mr. Mateja, this one appears blank.

11 Q. Right.

12 A. Okay. Yes, this is a -- a -- well, what typically we  
13 attach as addendum -- addenda to confidentiality agreements  
14 for experts and others to sign that are permitted to  
15 obtain --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. -- documents.

18 Q. Were you aware that Mr. Tautfest on behalf of Gruber  
19 Hurst had actually signed this confidentiality agreement  
20 before the hearing in front of Judge Sanderson?

21 A. I don't recall that.

22 Q. You don't recall that.

23 So -- so you don't know one way or the other?

24 A. I seem to recall that that came up during the course of  
25 the hearing before Judge Sanderson as a -- an -- an issue on

1 whether that represented -- that Gruber Hurst was in fact  
2 counsel for this case or if they were not.

3 Q. Okay. But notwithstanding, even if they signed it --  
4 and let's just assume that they did sign it. Okay?

5 Notwithstanding, your argument to Judge Sanderson was  
6 that Gruber Hurst is not a party to the protective order and  
7 so therefore they cannot receive protected information such  
8 as the McAlexander report?

9 A. Our -- our position, as I recall, was that the Gruber --  
10 T-Netix's position during the proceedings before Judge  
11 Sanderson were that Gruber Hurst was permitted, just as the  
12 Bell Nunnally/Pittman firm were permitted, to obtain all  
13 documents and information that had been produced in this  
14 case, the --

15 Q. Right.

16 A. -- the VAC's T-Netix's case. And we disagreed with that  
17 contention.

18 Q. And that's where you said "By first providing the  
19 documents to the Gruber firm who we think for the record were  
20 not counsel in this case when they were provided the  
21 information," right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And is -- to the best of your recollection you  
24 believe that Judge Sanderson also believed that Gruber Hurst  
25 was not a party to the protective order.

1 MS. MANGOLD: Objection to what Judge Sanderson  
2 believed.

3 THE WITNESS: I believe his --

4 THE COURT: Overruled.

5 THE WITNESS: -- the hearing before Judge Sanderson  
6 in his report addresses where -- where his decision came out  
7 on that disagreement between the parties.

8 BY MR. MATEJA:

9 Q. And assume with me that if we look at that Judge  
10 Sanderson does not believe that Gruber Hurst constitutes  
11 counsel, counsel being a term of art under the protective  
12 order; is that correct?

13 A. Yes. I believe so.

14 Q. Okay. And that was what you were arguing on behalf of  
15 VAC?

16 A. I believe that was one of the arguments that we had on  
17 behalf of VAC.

18 Q. And -- and do you know of -- well -- well, I guess you  
19 testified that Gruber Hurst just returned the documents that  
20 they had that had been given to them by Bell Nunnally; is  
21 that correct?

22 A. Yes. From the correspondence earlier.

23 Q. And -- and they didn't become counsel of record in that  
24 case, did they?

25 A. They did not.

1 Q. And -- and they did not later, after the hearing, sign  
2 the protective order saying that they were subject to the  
3 protective order, did they?

4 A. Not that I'm aware of, unless what you were just  
5 referring to, that there had been some signature of an  
6 addenda by Mr. Tautfest. I'm not sure that --

7 Q. That was --

8 A. -- when that --

9 Q. -- before the Sanderson hearing.

10 A. Okay. Okay.

11 Q. And, Ms. Clouston, if you can -- I'm not trying to  
12 quibble with you here, but on page 34 of the transcript,  
13 which is VAC Exhibit Number 2, if you take a look at the very  
14 bottom --

15 A. Is this still my addressing the court?

16 Q. You are. And you can tell it easily on this page.

17 A. Okay. I just didn't want to have to read every page.  
18 Okay.

19 Q. At the very bottom, it's the last sentence that actually  
20 bleeds into the next page, but it says, "And now the Gruber  
21 firm as of October 31 has signed Exhibit A being down to the  
22 documents that --" I mean, the Exhibit A we're talking about  
23 there is the confidentiality agreement, which is Exhibit A to  
24 the protective order. Is that correct?

25 Again, I'm not trying to quibble. I know it's a long

1 time ago, but --

2 A. It -- it is. I . . .

3 Q. I can't remember some things that happened --

4 A. It appears --

5 Q. -- in 2008.

6 A. It appears so from the context of just this page.

7 Q. Right.

8 A. But I -- I -- I don't want to testify one way or the  
9 other, about what exactly we're talking about in Exhibit A,  
10 since we've looked at several Exhibit As today already.

11 Q. All Right. But suffice it to say, notwithstanding even  
12 if they had signed this confidentiality agreement, your  
13 position was they were not subject to the protective order,  
14 couldn't get the documents, needed to return the documents;  
15 is that correct?

16 A. Yes. I believe, at least from this -- these pages, that  
17 you're referring to, that one of the issues that's being  
18 addressed is even if they had -- Mr. Tautfest signed Exhibit  
19 A, he had signed Exhibit A after being provided the documents  
20 from the Bell Nunnally firm. It appears that that's what I'm  
21 addressing in the question from the court at this point in  
22 time.

23 Q. All right. Again, suffice it to say, Gruber Hurst does  
24 not become counsel of record in the VAC case on behalf of  
25 T-Netix and Securus, they return the documents, and you're

1 not aware of any document that they signed whereby they  
2 agreed to be subject to the protective order at least after  
3 Judge Sanderson had his hearing in the case.

4 A. None that I'm aware of after that hearing. We're  
5 referring to some signature by the Gruber firm on page 34 of  
6 the hearing transcript before Judge Sanderson, but I'm not  
7 aware of anything after that.

8 Q. Okay.

9 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, we pass the witness.

10 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

11 I'm sorry, but we're going to have to take a break.

12 We have to let our court reporter, who has been working  
13 diligently, get up and stretch. So I'm going to let y'all  
14 get up and stretch. About 15 minutes.

15 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.

16 (Recess taken at 11:15)

17 (Proceedings resumed at 11:30.)

18 COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.

19 THE COURT: Please be seated.

20 Whenever you're ready, sir.

21 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Thank you, Your Honor.

22 CROSS EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. LOWENSTEIN:

24 Q. Good morning, Ms. Clouston.

25 A. Good morning.



1 Q. I would introduce myself but I believe we're acquainted?

2 A. We are, Mr. Lowenstein.

3 Nice to see you.

4 Q. You too.

5 I'd like to point you to Exhibit 8 in the white book,  
6 the Movant's Exhibit 8.

7 Are you with me?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And that was Mr. Suit's -- the first page on that  
10 document was Mr. Suit's letter to you dated April 18th, 2008,  
11 reflecting that he was forwarding the documents and the  
12 letter that he had received from Gruber Hurst, which was the  
13 information that Judge Sanderson had asked them to return to  
14 Bell Nunnally. Is that correct?

15 A. Yes. It appears so.

16 Q. Mr. Suit was a -- an associate of Bell Nunnally at the  
17 time?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And the attached letter of April 16th, 2008, in Exhibit  
20 8 is the next two pages. Do you see that?

21 A. Yes, I do.

22 Q. Okay. And this details the information that  
23 Mr. Tautfest who wrote this letter from Gruber Hurst says  
24 enclosed please find all documents in our possession received  
25 from your office, being Bell Nunnally. Correct?

1 A. Yes. It appears so, yes.

2 Q. Regarding the VAC case.

3 And in there, number 2, he says they are returning the  
4 rebuttal expert report of Joseph McAlexander regarding  
5 validity of claims?

6 A. Yes, I see that.

7 Q. And that's the offending report we've been speaking of?

8 A. Yes, I believe so.

9 Q. And if you would turn to the second page of that letter,  
10 the very last paragraph, Mr. Tautfest -- this is a letter,  
11 again, from me directed to Bell Nunnally?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And again Bell Nunnally was the law firm representing  
14 T-Netix's and Securus in this underlying lawsuit?

15 A. Yes. Along with the Pittman law firm.

16 Q. Along with Mr. Pittman.

17 And in the last paragraph Mr. Tautfest says, "Please be  
18 advised that we have deleted the above documents from our  
19 database and have destroyed all working copies as well."

20 A. Yes. I see.

21 Q. So as of April 16th, 2008, Mr. Tautfest was directing  
22 correspondence to me saying we've destroyed all copies of  
23 this rebuttal expert report of Joseph McAlexander?

24 A. Yes. That's what this exhibit says.

25 Q. All right. And you don't have any document or anything

1 in your declaration, do you, Ms. Clouston, that shows that me  
2 on behalf of Securus and T-Netix or Securus and T-Netix  
3 itself had any reason to doubt Mr. Tautfest's letter?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. And since they have been identified individually in  
6 here, are you familiar with Dennis Reinhold from Securus and  
7 T-Netix?

8 A. Yes, ma'am.

9 Q. And you understand he's the general counsel for Securus  
10 and T-Netix?

11 A. Yes, I do.

12 Q. Okay. And Rick Smith, did you know him before these  
13 cases concluded?

14 A. Mr. Smith came in near the end and was involved in -- in  
15 some of the settlement of the VAC and Securus lawsuits.

16 Q. Okay. So it's your recollection, which is correct, is  
17 that Mr. Smith came in in the last few months of the  
18 litigation to -- as the CEO of Securus and T-Netix and  
19 settled the case?

20 A. That was my first interaction with him, that I recall.

21 Q. Okay. And prior to that a Dick Falcone was the --  
22 Richard Falcone was the CEO before Mr. Smith. Do you recall  
23 that?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And you don't have anything in your declaration or any

1 documents that show that either Mr. Smith or Mr. Reinhold  
2 were aware or had any -- any information that statements in  
3 Mr. Tautfest's letter in Exhibit 8 were somehow incorrect?

4 A. No, I'm not aware.

5 Q. This letter is dated April 16th, 2008, from  
6 Mr. Tautfest, Movant Exhibit 8. And you recall that the  
7 report and recommendation from Judge Sanderson came out on  
8 the 21st of April, a few days later?

9 A. I don't have that in front of me but that seems about  
10 the right time.

11 Q. So in April 2008 the two things that happened are Judge  
12 Sanderson issues his recommendation and the Gruber firm tells  
13 me that it's returned all of the -- all of the McAlexander  
14 report information it has in its files?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. And then in the next few months following that  
17 the parties, being VAC and Securus and T-Netix, reached a  
18 settlement agreement. Do you recall that?

19 A. Yes. I believe so.

20 Q. And that settlement agreement was finalized sometime in  
21 August 2008?

22 A. Yes. I believe we were looking at an Exhibit A to one  
23 of the letters that referenced the date earlier and I think  
24 that's about the time frame.

25 Q. Okay. And do you recall that in conjunction with the

1 settlement -- well, first of all you and I, being the Jones  
2 Day firm and the Bell Nunnally and the Pittman firm, we  
3 weren't involved in the actual negotiations of the settlement  
4 agreements, were we?

5 A. The settlement agreements were negotiated in principal  
6 between the -- the executives of the different companies, I  
7 believe.

8 Q. Okay. And you weren't involved in the actual  
9 negotiations or the documentation of the settlement  
10 agreement, were you?

11 A. Not that I recall.

12 Q. Okay. But one thing that we were charged with as  
13 counsel in this case were entering the orders to finalize the  
14 litigation between Securus, T-Netix, and VAC in this  
15 underlying lawsuit.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And -- and I'm going to show you --

18 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Your Honor, may I approach?

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 BY MR. LOWENSTEIN:

21 Q. Hand you two exhibits that didn't make it into the  
22 notebook -- any of the notebooks.

23 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Your Honor, may I present you with  
24 copies as well?

25 THE COURT: You may.

1 MR. COOK: May I have a copy?

2 MR. LOWENSTEIN: I made a lot but I didn't make  
3 enough.

4 THE COURT: He didn't want to kill those extra  
5 trees.

6 MS. MANGOLD: I'm happy to share.

7 BY MR. LOWENSTEIN:

8 Q. I'm handing you 16 and 17 which just continues the  
9 numbering from the Gruber Hurst book.

10 THE COURT: I guess I would offer 16 and 17.

11 MS. MANGOLD: No objection, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Mateja, I assume no objection?

13 MR. MATEJA: No objection, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Admitted.

15 BY MR. LOWENSTEIN:

16 Q. I hope you've had a second to review these, but if you  
17 need a little more time let me know.

18 Exhibit 16 is an exchange of correspondence between  
19 people from my firm or Mr. Pittman and yourself regarding the  
20 motions and orders that were going to be submitted to the --  
21 to the district court, Judge Fitzwater, to conclude this  
22 lawsuit. Is that correct?

23 A. It appears so, yes.

24 Q. And if you'll turn to page 3 --

25 A. In Exhibit 16?

1 Q. Yes. One of the things that was included in the package  
2 that our firm sent to you was a motion to expunge the records  
3 that were involved in the contempt proceedings before Judge  
4 Sanderson. Do you recall that?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And in your email on page 3 you tell Mr. Pittman, "I  
7 will review the draft motion to expunge and proposed order to  
8 expunge that Neal --" Mr. Suit "-- sent to me, and get back  
9 to you on those tomorrow."

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And Nick is Mr. Nick Pittman from the Pittman law firm?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And Mr. Pittman's response, which is on page 2 at the  
14 bottom -- do you see that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. In the second paragraph he says, "As to the motion to  
17 expunge and proposed order it is our understanding that these  
18 documents have been agreed upon by the parties as part of the  
19 settlement and we are not at liberty to make any changes to  
20 them."

21 Do you see that?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Okay. And just so we have a time frame reference, since  
24 I hadn't mentioned one, we're on -- we're on August 4th,  
25 2008.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And by that time, when we're having this exchange, the  
3 parties had already entered into and signed off on a  
4 settlement agreement. Isn't that correct?

5 A. I don't recall the exact timing, but we -- we are  
6 discussing here that a settlement agreement has been reached  
7 on or about this time. I haven't reviewed the entire  
8 exhibit.

9 Q. Okay. And in the first page of TN Exhibit 16 in the  
10 first sentence you say, "Nick --" and again, that's  
11 Mr. Pittman, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You say, "We have confirmed with our client that the  
14 parties agree to the attached joint motions and orders as  
15 part of their settlement agreement." Correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Okay. And in there is included -- I think it's the --  
18 in the package that is T -- TN 16, the third stapled document  
19 is called joint agreed motion to withdraw, motion for  
20 sanctions, and motion to modify protective order.

21 A. I'm sorry, hold on one second.

22 Q. I'm sorry.

23 A. I think it's my -- okay. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. It's -- for the record it's called joint agreed  
25 motion to withdraw, motion for sanctions, and motion to



1 modify protective order and withdraw and expunge related  
2 documents. Do you see that?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. In the first paragraph VAC says that it is hereby  
5 withdrawing the motion to enforce, I'm summarizing -- but is  
6 that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And in the second paragraph on the first page of that  
9 document it says in the light of the withdrawal of these  
10 motions the parties request -- and the parties included VAC,  
11 correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. That -- that the court withdraw and/or expunge all  
14 motions and documents related to the above-referenced  
15 documents, including responses, replied -- replies, minute  
16 entries, orders, referring motions to the magistrate judge,  
17 appendices and the findings of the magistrate judge.

18 A. Yes. You have that correct.

19 Q. Okay. So VAC was agreeing in August of 2008 that it was  
20 going to file this joint motion where it was withdrawing the  
21 motion for contempt and agreeing that the court could expunge  
22 or otherwise withdraw all of the documents relating to the  
23 underlying contempt proceeding.

24 MS. MANGOLD: Objection on the grounds that this is  
25 an unsigned document. I don't know what they're agreeing to.

1 THE COURT: Overruled.

2 THE WITNESS: I assume that there's -- the actual  
3 filing in the docket somewhere, but -- and yes, it appears  
4 from this correspondence and my memory is that as part of the  
5 settlement the parties agreed that this was -- this was up on  
6 appeal at the time from your clients and that VAC agreed to  
7 withdraw the pending motion as part of the settlement.

8 It was up to the court to determine what -- how the  
9 court wanted to proceed.

10 BY MR. LOWENSTEIN:

11 Q. Okay. In the -- the documents that we were asking the  
12 court to withdraw or expunge from the court's records were  
13 detailed in the following pages in that document, correct?

14 A. I believe so.

15 Q. And I want to direct you to number 18 in that list,  
16 which is on page 3 of that document. And, again, we're on  
17 the jointed agreed motion to withdraw.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Number 18 is the report and recommendations regarding  
20 the motion to enforce, and those were the ones that Judge  
21 Sanderson issued.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. That's one of them, I guess.

25 Q. And those are recommendations -- that report and

1 recommendation is something that's been referenced here on  
2 several occasions as somehow relevant to this proceeding,  
3 correct?

4 A. I believe so. I have had questions about the report and  
5 recommendations.

6 Q. And then --

7 THE COURT: Excuse me, you had questions about  
8 whether they were relevant or --

9 THE WITNESS: Well, I mean, I assume they were --  
10 I -- I've been questioned about the report and  
11 recommendations today.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

14 BY MR. LOWENSTEIN:

15 Q. And that report and recommendations was something the  
16 parties agreed to have the court withdraw or expunge from the  
17 court's record?

18 A. Well, the -- we did not object to the court expunging or  
19 withdrawing it from the record. It was up to Judge Sanderson  
20 and Judge Fitzwater to determine what was appropriate.

21 Q. You filed a joint agreed motion where you were asking  
22 the court that that occur.

23 A. I believe so, although the one I'm looking at isn't  
24 signed, but my recollection is that something -- something  
25 was agreed to between the parties and subsequently filed.

1 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Just so we can clear that up, Your  
2 Honor, I've got the signed copy.

3 THE COURT: Do you want to substitute that --

4 MR. LOWENSTEIN: I think it's important, because  
5 this has the cover correspondence with it, but I'd like to  
6 add it as an additional exhibit.

7 May I approach?

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 BY MR. LOWENSTEIN:

10 Q. Let's work off Exhibit TN 16 --

11 MR. LOWENSTEIN: I guess I would ask to offer it  
12 into evidence.

13 MR. MATEJA: No objection, Your Honor.

14 MS. MANGOLD: No objection.

15 THE COURT: It's admitted.

16 BY MR. LOWENSTEIN:

17 Q. Flip through that and agree with me that this is the  
18 actual document that VAC agreed to be filed with the court in  
19 this matter?

20 A. Yes, it appears to.

21 Q. And it was document entry 197 in the court's records?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And, again, just so that we have a clear record, TN  
24 Exhibit 18, which is the file motion in the first paragraph  
25 says that VAC hereby agrees to withdraw the motion for

1 contempt. That's shorthand for referring to that.

2 A. Yes. I believe so.

3 Q. Okay. And in the second paragraph it says the parties  
4 request the court withdraw and/or expunge all of those  
5 documents that were detailed before when we were talking  
6 about Exhibit 16.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Page 3, number 18 on that list, again, the parties  
9 agreed, including VAC, to withdraw the -- have the court  
10 withdraw and/or expunge the report and recommendation from  
11 Judge Sanderson.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. And Exhibit 26 -- and this is going to be a  
14 memory test and if you don't remember, you don't remember.

15 Do you recall in -- I'm sorry if I said Exhibit 26.

16 In Exhibit 18, number 26, on page 4, if that's confusing  
17 enough, there's a reference to the supplemental appendix to  
18 Value-Added Communications' response to T-Netix's objections.  
19 Do you see that?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. Do you recall that as part of that appendix VAC had  
22 filed a copy of the transcript of the proceedings before  
23 Judge Sanderson in that supplemental appendix?

24 A. I -- I don't recall, Mr. Lowenstein.

25 Q. Okay. If that's true and the -- and the transcript is

1 attached to that document, then VAC was agreeing to withdraw  
2 and/or expunge that exhibit to that supplemental appendix  
3 from the court's records?

4 A. If -- assuming that is true, yes.

5 What the court did, again, was up to this court as to  
6 determine what was appropriate.

7 Q. Okay. Now, I want you to look at Exhibit 17.

8 And that is the order that Judge Sanderson -- I'm  
9 sorry -- Judge Fitzwater entered after TN Exhibit 18 was  
10 filed.

11 A. Yes, it appears so.

12 Q. And in that order Judge Fitzwater grants the agreed  
13 motion to withdraw, motion for sanctions, and motion to  
14 modify protective order and withdraw and expunge related  
15 documents.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And the judge signed an order --

18 In the next paragraph it says, "It's ordered that had  
19 the following documents, orders, recommendations, minute  
20 entries and any document references thereto are hereby  
21 withdrawn and are to be permanently sealed."

22 Do you see that at the bottom of the first page of that  
23 order?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And in the very last page of that document, Exhibit 17,

1 you on behalf of VAC agree to the form of that order.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And going back to page 3 of Exhibit 17, that included  
4 sealing and withdrawing number 18, which was the report and  
5 recommendation of Judge Sanderson.

6 A. Value-Added Communications agreed to withdraw its  
7 motions.

8 The order was the court order and we agreed that it  
9 could be sealed. It was again not -- it was -- it was not  
10 our order to seal, but we did not object to it being sealed.

11 Q. Well, you did not object, you agreed as to form and  
12 content to -- to -- to that order.

13 A. That -- that is correct.

14 Q. So all of the discussion of that report and  
15 recommendation and the transcript from Judge Sanderson were  
16 all subject to Judge Fitzwater's order sealing those  
17 documents permanently?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Just so you understand, Ms. Clouston, because I don't  
20 think you were here this morning when we discussed this,  
21 today Mr. Mateja is representing the Gruber Hurst firm, I'm  
22 representing Securus T-Netix and Mr. Reinhold and Mr. Smith  
23 individually. Do you understand that?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. I've heard some discussion from you about things that

1 Gruber Hurst in 2010 provided to Combined Communications or  
2 in another lawsuit.

3 You don't have anything in your declaration, you didn't  
4 have anything in your testimony and you haven't come forward  
5 with any document that shows that anyone within Securus or  
6 T-Netix ever had a copy of the McAlexander rebuttal report,  
7 do you

8 A. No.

9 Q. And you don't have any information that anyone at  
10 Securus, anyone at T-Netix, Mr. Smith or Mr. Reinhold ever  
11 provided a copy of the McAlexander rebuttal report to anybody  
12 in those other lawsuits?

13 A. I'm sorry, can you repeat the question?

14 Q. Yes. Let's talk about the -- I'm going to call them the  
15 Securus parties so I can shorthand this.

16 When I'm referring to the Securus parties we've got  
17 Securus, T-Netix, Mr. Reinhold, and Mr. Smith.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. I'm going to call those the Securus parties.

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. You don't have anything in your declaration or any  
22 document or anything in your testimony where you have  
23 knowledge that any of the Securus parties provided a copy of  
24 the McAlexander rebuttal report to Gruber Hurst.

25 A. No.



1 Q. And you don't have any knowledge that they encouraged or  
2 asked Gruber Hurst to provide that document to anybody in the  
3 Combined Communications case or any other lawsuit?

4 A. No, sir.

5 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Pass the witness, Your Honor.

6 MS. MANGOLD: Your Honor, I have nothing further.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Mateja.

8 MR. MATEJA: No, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Just before you leave, just so I -- so  
10 I can be clear, the -- the agreed motion which was -- became  
11 the amended order by -- or was adopted by Judge Fitzwater in  
12 his amended order didn't expunge anything, it sealed the  
13 docket entries, so that the documents themselves, they exist,  
14 they're -- the access to them is limited.

15 So do you believe that that means somehow that the  
16 representations made in that -- in those documents that have  
17 been sealed are somehow not a part of the record anymore?

18 THE WITNESS: I believe they are part of the  
19 record, Your Honor, and I believe that these -- all of these  
20 documents were -- the report itself was public for many  
21 months also and it was then thereafter sealed, but all of the  
22 parties included here, counsel had copies of the report and  
23 recommendations.

24 THE COURT: So then would you -- would it be your  
25 position that the positions that you took back then as VAC's

1 counsel basically VAC is stuck with those positions now?

2 THE WITNESS: We -- we -- we took those positions  
3 in good faith, Your Honor. We also took the positions to  
4 enter the order -- or -- or proposed joint motion to withdraw  
5 the pending sanctions based upon representations that were  
6 made --

7 THE COURT: Right.

8 THE WITNESS: -- DURING the hearing and to us  
9 following the hearing with Judge Sanderson.

10 So if those prove somehow untrue --

11 THE COURT: And I'm not talking the veracity. I'm  
12 mainly talking your legal arguments. Mr. Mateja had a dream  
13 that has become an issue here regarding whether or not --  
14 whether or not Gruber Hurst is actually subject to the  
15 protective order, and it's -- it's an excellent question.

16 And so I'm asking you in relation to your arguments that  
17 you previously made in the hearing, which all that is now  
18 sealed, I mean, do you believe somehow that VAC is -- is not  
19 bound to I guess the arguments of representations you made  
20 about VAC -- about Gruber Hurst not being a party to the  
21 protective order?

22 THE WITNESS: I believe we are bound.

23 I also believe that Gruber Hurst is bound by the  
24 representations made to Judge Sanderson that -- they had a  
25 choice at the time to either become counsel of record or to

1 give back the documents and say they were not, and they took  
2 the position that they gave us back all documents that they  
3 had.

4 So while they were not counsel of record in the case,  
5 they did make representations to the parties involved in that  
6 case as well as to the court.

7 THE COURT: So -- and I agree with you.

8 But so they chose not to -- to be counsel, and the --  
9 the impact of that is that they were not in your estimation,  
10 based on your argument, being joined or being considered as  
11 subject to the protective order.

12 If they had -- am I getting this right?

13 If they had in fact decided that they were going to join  
14 in as counsel of record, then they would have been subjected  
15 to the -- subject to the protective order; is that correct?

16 THE WITNESS: I believe so.

17 THE COURT: But because they chose the option that  
18 they were going to --

19 THE WITNESS: Return all --

20 THE COURT: -- return all the documents.

21 Okay. I'm going to leave you alone. I'm going to let  
22 those -- those lawyers address it for now.

23 Does either party have questions based on my  
24 examination?

25 MS. MANGOLD: I don't have any, Your Honor.

1 MR. COOTER: I'd like to call Dennis Reinhold  
2 adversely.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Reinhold, will you raise your right  
4 hand, please.

5 (Witness sworn.)

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. COOTER:

8 A. Good morning.

9 Q. Good morning.

10 We know each other --

11 A. Yes, we do.

12 Q. -- in a different context?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Are you employed, sir.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How are you employed?

17 A. I'm employed by Securus Technologies and its various  
18 subsidiaries as vice president, general counsel and  
19 secretary.

20 Q. And what are your duties as vice president, general  
21 counsel, and secretary?

22 A. To oversee and manage the legal-related issues for the  
23 corporation.

24 Q. And who do you report to?

25 A. I report to Richard Smith, the CEO.

1 Q. How long have you had that job, sir?

2 A. The general counsel job I've had since August 2005.

3 Q. Okay. Now, in connection with your role as the general  
4 counsel, is it accurate to say that the management of  
5 litigation of which the company Securus or its subsidiaries  
6 is involved is subject to your supervision?

7 A. That would be accurate, yes.

8 Q. And that would apply, would it not, to the case that was  
9 originally -- that -- this case that was filed whenever it  
10 was and resulted in this protective order that we've been  
11 talking about?

12 That's accurate, isn't it?

13 You were in charge of the supervision of this case?

14 A. Not exactly. The case was filed quite a bit before I  
15 was there. Once I came there then I was charged with  
16 supervision in my general role as general counsel.

17 Q. By the time of the events of 2008 you -- it was subject  
18 to your supervision, right?

19 A. Yes. My supervision, yes, over outside counsel.

20 Q. And it was also subject, and you were subject, to the  
21 supervision of Mr. Smith in that time frame; is that  
22 accurate?

23 A. Mr. Smith did not come to Securus until June 2008. So  
24 many of the events that have been discussed happened prior to  
25 him joining Securus.

1 Q. Once he became involved were you subject to his  
2 supervision?

3 A. In general, yes.

4 Q. And prior to his becoming involved were you -- were you  
5 subject to the supervision of some other CEO?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Who was that?

8 A. That was Dick Falcone.

9 Q. Now, what is the relationship between Securus and  
10 T-Netix?

11 A. T-Netix is another affiliated entity. It is an indirect  
12 subsidiary of Securus.

13 Q. Are you also the general counsel of T-Netix?

14 A. Yes, I am.

15 Q. And have been since you got there?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. When was T-Netix acquired?

18 A. I believe it was in the 2003 time frame, so it was  
19 acquired prior to my arrival in August of 2008 -- I'm sorry,  
20 2005.

21 Q. Okay. So by the time you come on board as the general  
22 counsel of Securus you're also the general counsel of  
23 T-Netix, are you not?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And therefore at the time in your role as counsel of --

1 general counsel of T-Netix by the time of 2008, this case  
2 that brings us here, you were also -- the processing of this  
3 litigation was also subject to your supervisions at the  
4 Knetix (phonetic) level or T-Netix's?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Now, at the time that there was a motion filed -- well,  
7 let me see if I can -- let me see if I can close a loop here  
8 for just a moment.

9 There have been some other cases that have been  
10 described here this morning. One is a case called T-Netix  
11 versus Globe Tel-Link and others in the Eastern District.

12 A. I have never heard reference to that case this morning.

13 Q. I'm sorry?

14 A. I have never heard reference to that case this morning.

15 Q. There was a state court case called VAC versus T-Netix?

16 A. Yes, I'm aware of that case.

17 Q. Was that case subject or the conduct of that case  
18 subject to your supervision as -- as general counsel?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. There was a -- there was some later cases, I don't know  
21 when they were actually, T-Netix versus Combined, what's been  
22 referred to as the Combined case, was that case subject to  
23 your supervision?

24 A. Yes, it was.

25 Q. And the Pinnacle litigation, T-Netix versus Pinnacle, in

1 the Eastern District of Texas, was that case subject to your  
2 supervision?

3 A. Yes, it was.

4 Q. Now, and is it accurate to say, sir, that as to all of  
5 the cases with -- with the exception of the one that you  
6 don't recall --

7 A. Excuse me, I didn't see I didn't recall it. You  
8 mentioned that that case was talked about this morning and  
9 I -- and I said I did not hear the reference to that case.

10 Q. Oh.

11 A. I did not say I did not recall that case.

12 Q. Oh, you do recall that case?

13 A. I'm aware of that case, yes.

14 Q. Was that case also subject to your supervision?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Now, as to all of these cases, is it also true that you  
17 reported the existence of these cases to your superiors, the  
18 prior CEO at Securus and later Mr. Smith at Securus; is that  
19 accurate?

20 A. They were certainly aware of the existence of the cases  
21 and I did occasional legal reports, but on the day-to-day  
22 mechanics of what was going on with each case, I did not  
23 report those specifically to them because I don't report  
24 everything to him.

25 Q. Now, let's deal with the case that -- that brings us



1 here, the protective order that brings us here, the original  
2 VAC case.

3 what lawyers were employed by either T-Netix or Securus  
4 to do anything in connection with that case?

5 A. To do anything?

6 Q. Anything.

7 A. The Bell Nunnally firm was involved, Nick Pittman of the  
8 Pittman firm was involved, and then later the Gruber Hurst  
9 firm was involved.

10 Q. Okay. So the Gruber Hurst -- when did the Gruber Hurst  
11 firm first become involved in connection with the case that  
12 resulted in the protective order that brings us here.

13 A. Actually, I don't know that they were involved prior to  
14 the protective order. They became involved later on.

15 I don't know that they had an active involvement in the  
16 actual litigation.

17 Q. Well, what was -- if they became involved what does it  
18 mean to be involved?

19 what -- what -- what was their role as counsel?

20 A. Well, their role was they wanted some documents in  
21 connection with another case, and as we've all heard in  
22 testimony this morning they asked for permission, and that  
23 was their involvement.

24 Q. I see. They were representing one of your entities in  
25 some other cases -- in some other case, and Gruber Hurst had

1 made a request for the documents that were produced in this  
2 case subject to the protective order; is that correct?

3 A. I don't recall exactly what the request was, but they  
4 did request some documents.

5 Q. And they were given them, weren't they?

6 A. I don't know if they were or not.

7 Q. Have you read the transcript of the hearing in -- with  
8 Judge Sanderson?

9 A. I have not.

10 Q. Were you there?

11 A. No, I was not.

12 Q. Now, in any event, there came a time -- but there's no  
13 question, is there, that as of 2008 both Gruber Hurst and  
14 Bell Nunnally were employed outside counsel for Securus and  
15 T-Netix?

16 A. On different matters, yes.

17 Q. Now, the -- what, if any, role did Gruber Hurst have in  
18 the state court case VAC versus T-Netix?

19 That was the one that was apparently here in a state  
20 court in Dallas.

21 A. None that I'm aware of.

22 Q. Were they performing any services or were they involved  
23 in any degree whatsoever in that case?

24 A. Not that I recall.

25 Q. What involvement, if any, did Gruber Hurst have in the

1 case of T-Netix versus Globe Tel-Link?

2 A. They were our counsel of record.

3 Q. Okay. Now, those cases were both pending in 2000 --  
4 well, when was -- T-Netix versus Globe Tel-Link, when was  
5 that pending?

6 A. I believe 2007 time frame.

7 Q. As of 2008 was it still pending?

8 A. I believe it settled in late 2008 or 2009 is my  
9 recollection.

10 Q. The state court case, was that pending -- was that  
11 pending in 2008?

12 A. Which state court case?

13 Q. VAC versus T-Netix?

14 A. That case settled with the other case in August of 2008.

15 Q. As of the time of Judge Sanderson's hearing it was still  
16 active?

17 A. That's the April hearing you're mentioning?

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. Yes, it was.

20 Q. Now, we've also made reference to a case called T-Netix  
21 versus Combined pending in the Western District of Kentucky.  
22 When was that case pending?

23 A. I believe it was 2009/2010 time frame. Actually, I  
24 think it was 2010, I believe.

25 Q. What, if any, role did Gruber Hurst play in connection

1 with that case?

2 A. They were counsel on our patent litigation case. We had  
3 a couple of different cases pending against Combined. They  
4 were involved in the patent case.

5 Q. Okay. And were they so involved -- what's the status of  
6 that case now, by the way?

7 A. It's -- I can't discuss it. It's under a proposed  
8 settlement agreement.

9 Q. So it's still pending?

10 A. It should be settled. We reached a settlement agreement  
11 at mediation but --

12 Q. Gruber Hurst still --

13 A. -- It's not finalized yet.

14 Q. Gruber Hurst involved?

15 A. Yes, they are.

16 Q. What involvement did Gruber Hurst have, if any, in the  
17 Combined case in the Western District of Kentucky -- no,  
18 that's the one I just asked about. I -- I apologize.

19 what about the Pinnacle case, T-Netix versus Pinnacle in  
20 the Eastern District?

21 A. They were our counsel of record.

22 Q. Was that case pending -- when -- when was that case  
23 pending?

24 A. I believe 2011 time frame.

25 Q. Is it still pending?

1 A. No.

2 Q. When did it end?

3 A. I believe late 2011. Maybe early 2012. I don't know  
4 the exact date.

5 Q. Now, there came a time, did there not, when you learned  
6 that there was a complaint by VAC about the release after the  
7 2008 case, the -- this case was originally closed, that there  
8 was a complaint by VAC of the release of some confidential  
9 documents that are alleged to be protected by this protective  
10 order?

11 You remember that happened?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. When did you first hear about it?

14 A. I first heard about it after correspondence was sent  
15 from the Gruber firm requesting the documents to be taken  
16 back or destroyed, was the first time.

17 Q. When was that?

18 You've got a plaintiff's book up there --

19 A. Sometime in 2011.

20 Q. Okay. Sometime in 2011 you hear that there is this  
21 suggestion that there's an issue with respect to some of the  
22 documents covered by the protective order in 2011. Right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What, if anything, did you do about it?

25 A. What did I do about it?

1 Q. Yeah.

2 A. I didn't have a duty to do anything about it. I never  
3 had the document in my possession, nor was it ever in  
4 Securus's position. Our outside counsel did a callback and  
5 told me about it, and so I had no further duty.

6 Q. Did -- is it so, did you instruct that an -- an inquiry  
7 be made of the file -- of the computer disk and systems at  
8 Securus itself to see if any of those documents existed on  
9 those databases?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Who did the search?

12 A. Our vice president of IT directed his direct report,  
13 Dave Ellinger, who is the director of IT operations.

14 Q. When was the report -- when was the search made?

15 A. I did a search recently, this past week, because I  
16 wanted to make sure we did not have the document. I knew we  
17 did not have the document, because I had never seen it, nor  
18 had anyone in my office ever seen it, and so we did a search  
19 this past week.

20 Q. You told me about a search by the IT -- the IT guy.  
21 When was that search done?

22 A. I just answered that question. This last week.

23 Q. In the past week.

24 Is it your testimony that notwithstanding the pendency  
25 of this issue, since at least 2011, until the past week you

1 made no search --

2 A. No, that is not my testimony.

3 You asked if an electronic search was made.

4 We did not have the document. When this issue came up  
5 before we knew we did not have the document. I followed up  
6 with the Gruber firm. They acknowledged, sent the letter. I  
7 saw a copy of the letter regarding the document. We checked  
8 our files. At that time and we did not have the document.  
9 we still don't have the document. We've never had the  
10 document.

11 Q. Then I guess, if that be so, if the court were to order  
12 an outside vendor to make its own independent search, you  
13 would have no objection.

14 A. I would have a huge objection.

15 Q. Why?

16 A. Because we're a direct competitor with your client. We  
17 will never under any circumstances allow someone to come in  
18 and search our data, because there will be extremely harmful  
19 competitive information that your client likes to get. So  
20 the answer is no we will not allow that.

21 Q. Even to provide an independent report to the court for  
22 its in camera review. Is that your testimony?

23 A. Yes. That's my testimony.

24 Q. We know, don't we, sir, that a law firm under your  
25 employee -- under your employee (sic) released this

1 confidential document in an unrelated litigation in the  
2 Consolidated case and the Pinnacle case? We know that  
3 happened.

4 A. Well, that's your allegation. I don't know that  
5 happened. That's your point in this lawsuit, not mine.

6 Q. Well, have you -- have you read the -- the letters or  
7 declarations of Mr. Magee?

8 A. Yes, I have.

9 Q. Is it -- having read all of that --

10 A. It appears that there was some inadvertent disclosure.

11 Q. I only asked you if they had been produced outside and  
12 the answer to that is admittedly yes.

13 A. I don't have any firsthand knowledge of that as I said  
14 before. We've never had the document, nor have I ever seen  
15 the document. I can only rely upon what the letters say.

16 Q. Now, and is it so that when that release was made,  
17 forget inadvertence/intentional, it was done by law firms  
18 employed by Securus and T-Netix?

19 A. That's certainly your allegation.

20 Q. Well, it's true, isn't it?

21 A. I'm not sure. I believe that the release actually came  
22 from Stites & Harbison, but that's just my theory.

23 Q. You believe what?

24 A. The document came from Stites & Harbison, which was the  
25 former Combined law firm. But, again, all I know is what



1 I've read in the correspondence. I was not a party to the  
2 release, as you well know.

3 Q. Mr. Reinhold, that's all I have of you at this time.

4 THE COURT: Let's keep it in order, Mr. Mateja.  
5 Do you have anything?

6 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Just one moment, Your Honor.

7 (Pause.)

8 MR. LOWENSTEIN: I have no questions, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Does Gruber Hurst have any?

10 MR. MATEJA: We do not, Your Honor.

11 MR. COOTER: We rest at this point on our prima  
12 facie case.

13 THE COURT: Mr. Mateja.

14 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, at this juncture I have a  
15 feeling that you might anticipate that I would stand up to  
16 urge what is akin to kind of a directed verdict, except  
17 directed findings.

18 And just so that I'm clear, the court had mentioned at  
19 the very beginning of this matter that we're here on  
20 basically a hearing on a motion to show cause why a show  
21 cause should issue in the case.

22 THE COURT: Right.

23 MR. MATEJA: And -- and we would argue that the  
24 movant has not met its burden of establishing clear and  
25 convincing evidence that in fact there is a basis to move

1 forward with a contempt proceeding.

2 First, Your Honor, there is no evidence that Gruber  
3 Hurst was subject to the protective order in this case. And,  
4 in fact, the evidence that does exists actually indicates  
5 that it was not subject to the protective order. And at  
6 least the -- the show cause order that the court issued  
7 relates very specifically to the protective order and why  
8 Gruber Hurst should not be held in contempt because it  
9 violated the protective order. And I believe, Your Honor,  
10 there's not a shadow of a doubt that Gruber Hurst is subject  
11 to the protective order.

12 Now, having said that, Your Honor, I don't want the  
13 court for one second to think that, you know, we -- we  
14 disclosed this document. We fall on our sword, mea culpa,  
15 we're apologetic for it. We want to give this document back.

16 Okay. We filed a motion with the court to delete the  
17 document because -- and it's our fourth attempt to try to get  
18 rid of this document. We did not intend to send this  
19 document out. I mean, if you -- if -- if we are to put on  
20 testimony you would hear that there's kind of the perfect  
21 storm of events that transpire. We did delete the document  
22 but we did not delete another copy of it. We know exactly  
23 where the document resides on our computer systems. I have  
24 an expert here who's prepared to report to the court exactly  
25 where it's at on the computer systems.

1 And what we'd like to do, Your Honor, is actually -- we  
2 would request that basically the court deny their application  
3 for show cause, or at least direct findings in that regard  
4 and move forward on our motion to delete.

5 And I have the computer expert who is here, Your Honor.  
6 He can testify exactly. He did a forensic review, without  
7 looking at the report but looking at metadata. He knows  
8 where it is on our computer systems. And we're prepared to  
9 get it off and he can tell you exactly how to get it off.

10 THE COURT: I have two main issues. No, I'm not  
11 surprised about your motion, but let me say that at this  
12 point it is not as clear to me whether or not Gruber Hurst is  
13 subject to the order.

14 It's clear to me that VAC has taken a position to that  
15 effect, and so my question that I have to determine, one of  
16 them, is whether or not VAC is somehow estopped from saying  
17 something different now.

18 But it's -- Judge Sanderson's ruling, in my estimation,  
19 because it wasn't adopted by the district court really has no  
20 affect. And so the fact that he made the determination that  
21 Gruber Hurst was not subject to the order doesn't preclude me  
22 from finding differently. That's not saying that I would.

23 MR. MATEJA: Right.

24 THE COURT: I'm just saying that I think it's an  
25 open question.

1           The other thing is that because now evidence has come to  
2 my attention that even if Gruber Hurst didn't -- or wasn't  
3 subject to the protective order, and that's my conclusion,  
4 that Gruber Hurst through one of its representatives actually  
5 misrepresented a fact to this court, albeit to the previous  
6 judge of this court. And so then I have the question that  
7 I'm springing on you now, as you did your defense to me  
8 earlier today --

9           MR. MATEJA: Right.

10           THE COURT: -- as to whether or not I should  
11 consider recommending to Judge Fitzwater that Gruber Hurst be  
12 sanctioned in some way for violating this court's directive.  
13 Take that into consideration when determining how to proceed  
14 right now.

15           But for right now I'm going to overrule your motion that  
16 I basically make a finding that there is no contempt to Judge  
17 Fitzwater.

18           I think that because VAC has not had the opportunity to  
19 brief or consider whether or not it has evidence to counter  
20 your, you know, position regarding Gruber Hurst not being  
21 subject to the protective order, that VAC should be given  
22 that opportunity. And I'm going to give them that  
23 opportunity before I rule on that issue in the form of any  
24 affidavits they want to present as factual basis for their  
25 argument as well as any -- as a -- as a brief.

1 And so I'm going to hold off on making that ruling until  
2 they have had the opportunity, which is only fair, to attempt  
3 to rebut your argument regarding whether or not Gruber Hurst  
4 is subject to it.

5 MR. MATEJA: I understand.

6 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Can I raise a similar issue?

7 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

8 MR. LOWENSTEIN: The evidence before the court is  
9 entirely about - as Mr. Mateja has pointed out - as an  
10 accidental disclosure of a document by Gruber. Every  
11 declaration, every pleading, every everything points to  
12 somehow how Gruber said we got rid of the document it  
13 reappears and they produced the document.

14 There is not a shred of evidence, certainly not clear  
15 and convincing evidence that anyone within the walls of  
16 Securus or T-Netix or Mr. Reinhold or Mr. Smith had anything  
17 to do with this. They have been named individually,  
18 Mr. Smith and Mr. Reinhold and the company as well. And I  
19 don't think they have even reached the Rule 11 standard for  
20 bringing the claims against them individually, much less  
21 shown by clear and convincing evidence that these gentlemen  
22 were somehow involved, encouraged, knew about the disclosure  
23 of these documents before they occurred in 2010. And,  
24 again -- or in 2008, although that's by agreement, after the  
25 parties settled and thought they were buying peace on the

1 2008 issues, there was no evidence that they were involved in  
2 that at that time as well.

3 So I would move on behalf of them that the court direct  
4 that the clients be found not to have committed any contempt  
5 of this court's protective order.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Cooter or Ms. Mangold.

7 MR. COOTER: Yes. Thank you.

8 This is a show cause to issue a show cause.

9 THE COURT: I'm well aware. I started out by  
10 telling you that. I know you're really concerned about me  
11 exceeding my authority. I promise you that I won't do that.

12 MR. COOTER: I'm not concerned about you exceeding  
13 your authority.

14 THE COURT: That's the third time you've said that  
15 though.

16 MR. COOTER: No. No. No. No.

17 The law is that -- first of all, this motion that you've  
18 got to be a party to a protective order to be bound by its  
19 terms is simply wrong. The Fifth Circuit has already ruled  
20 on that issue in the Whitcraft case. I'll get you the full  
21 cite in a minute, basically says, "Nonparties who act with  
22 the parties subject to the pro -- to the orders are bound by  
23 the order."

24 Now, there's no question that Securus Netflix -- T-Netix  
25 would be bound by that order. And here we've got their

1 lawyers admittedly in the employ of them and their agents and  
2 somehow they say because we're not -- we didn't enter our  
3 appearance in the case that that's dispositive about whether  
4 or not they're bound by the orders. I'm sorry, Fifth Circuit  
5 jurisprudence is directly against them on that point.

6 There's another one, Waffenschmidt versus MacKay, 763  
7 F.2d 711 to the same effect. And the reason, of course, is  
8 because if -- it would be bizarre just to treat a protective  
9 order as no more than a contract between consenting parties.  
10 It is an order of the court to regulate the proceedings of  
11 the court.

12 Now, beyond that, we now have Mr. Reinhold testifying  
13 that he's in charge of all of these cases and that the  
14 lawyers who we've identified are essentially subject to his  
15 control and he's subject to Mr. Smith's control. His hollow  
16 undertaking, that we don't know nothing for nothing, is  
17 frankly completely at odds with his role in the company and  
18 doesn't make any sense.

19 Now, we asked in -- in -- in our pleadings to reopen  
20 this case for some limited discovery when the time comes to  
21 include an independent expert commissioned by the court to  
22 look into these issues. It's -- we're not bound by the fact  
23 that we don't have access to do our own search of those  
24 records. We simply haven't had discovery.

25 THE COURT: Is there any reason though for that if

1 Gruber Hurst is -- in essence is falling on its sword and is  
2 saying it was the source of the --

3 MR. COOTER: I'm sorry?

4 THE COURT: Is there any reason for that if Gruber  
5 Hurst is in essence falling on its sword and saying they were  
6 the --

7 MR. COOTER: Yes

8 THE COURT: -- source of the document being --

9 MR. COOTER: Yes.

10 THE COURT: What is the reason for that?

11 MR. COOTER: The problem is that nobody was  
12 supposed to have the document.

13 THE COURT: But Gruber Hurst is admitting it had  
14 the document even though it's not supposed to have.

15 MR. COOTER: well, you've got two strains on that  
16 issue. You have the earlier affidavit and the exchange of  
17 letters -- first of all, you have the representations to the  
18 court itself: It's all gone; it doesn't exist.

19 And then you have the: If those representations be true  
20 or those letters be true, we don't have -- this does not  
21 exist; and if they're true then as of 2008 they didn't have  
22 them, they didn't exist.

23 Now, we know that in 2011, in connection with other  
24 litigation, all of a sudden they exist. And the -- the  
25 falling on your sword part is: well, we made a mistake, we



1 shouldn't have sent them out to whoever we sent them out to,  
2 it was inadvertent.

3 That begs the question of where they came to.

4 The fact is if you accept that they didn't exist yet  
5 somehow they reappear, well, obviously they came from  
6 somewhere. And you can't reconcile those two statements  
7 without knowing what searches have been done, and where, to  
8 determine whether or not the representations to the court  
9 were truthful that they didn't exist and where they all came  
10 from. That's why that inquiry is necessary.

11 And the other thing is that, you know, this is a -- an  
12 odd duck kind of case in a -- in a different way. They -- if  
13 they make a representation to the court and everybody acts  
14 on -- essentially the judge did what I think most judges do,  
15 he says: You're an officer of the court, what am I going to  
16 do if that's what you say.

17 It turned out it wasn't true. Well, it either wasn't  
18 true or it was true and they later re-acquired the document  
19 from some place. Now, if you look at the some place, what  
20 are the -- what are the choices?

21 well, there's only one common nexus here, and that is  
22 the thing which -- the hub to which all spokes are attached  
23 is Securus and its affiliates. They say we don't have them.  
24 And given the totality of the circumstance, I suggest to you  
25 that that bald statement is not entitled to respect. It

1 deserves more inquiry by the court. And, frankly, an inquiry  
2 in a -- in a -- in a sophisticated way. We're not seeking,  
3 notwithstanding what Mr. Reinhold said, blanket access to all  
4 their files. Globe Tel and Securus are competitors, and,  
5 indeed, fierce competitors all over the country.

6 But how can anybody, if there is a problem with the  
7 credibility of the statements that have been made to the  
8 court, in good conscience object to a report to the court,  
9 whether it be you or whether it be the district court in --  
10 in -- in due course. Because at this point -- you know, the  
11 last thing is the serendipitous nature of this. If it hadn't  
12 been Ms. Clouster leaves Jones Day, she thinks it's all  
13 resolved, everybody did, she finds out that notwithstanding  
14 what everybody thought something happened. And it just  
15 happens that she finds it out because she was retained first  
16 at Jones Day -- and maybe -- I can't remember if she took the  
17 case to -- to Alston & Bird or not, where she stumbles on  
18 this. And it's just -- it's just complete serendipity that  
19 Ms. Clouster was -- tripped on it, essentially. Well, but  
20 for the fact that she ended up representing nonaffiliated  
21 parties in this other litigation nobody would have ever  
22 known, and that is complete serendipity.

23 Given the facts and circumstances in this case and --  
24 I'm not suggesting that you're bound by Judge Sanderson's  
25 findings or not, but clearly when you look at that situation

1 he made findings and the case settled. Okay. The case  
2 settled. That would be the most normal event in life --

3 THE COURT: It would seem to me that you wouldn't  
4 want him to be bound by his findings, which are that Gruber  
5 Hurst was not a party to the protective order.

6 MR. COOTER: I don't -- well, I don't want you to  
7 be bound by his findings and I know you're not bound by his  
8 findings but, again, I don't think that it matters so long as  
9 they are affiliated with people who are parties to it.

10 THE COURT: And your affiliation argument goes to  
11 Gruber Hurst as well as the Securus parties?

12 MR. COOTER: Absolutely.

13 THE COURT: So everybody is -- nobody is a actual  
14 party to the protective order who's involved now. Everyone  
15 who's involved now is an affiliated party to the agreement.

16 MR. COOTER: Yeah. To use the words of the Fifth  
17 Circuit they are -- let me just use the right words.

18 "Nonparties who act with the party are subject to the  
19 order --"

20 "Nonparties who act with the party subject to the order  
21 is also -- are also bound by the order." That's right out of  
22 the Fifth Circuit.

23 Quote, "A party who knowingly aids, abets or conspires  
24 with another to evade an injunction or an order of court is  
25 also in contempt of that court."

1 And clearly this evidence not only gives rise to that  
2 but almost -- it almost conclusively establishes that because  
3 these are the outside lawyers for this company and all of  
4 this litigation, so --

5 THE COURT: So by -- by virtue of them being the outside  
6 counsel in all the other litigation, I'm just asking, do you  
7 believe that you have established a conspiracy then under  
8 the -- the case that you are citing to evade the court's  
9 order?

10 MR. COOTER: I believe that -- conspiracy is not a  
11 word I would use.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MR. COOTER: I believe that we have established  
14 that they are acting with -- that they are acting with  
15 parties to the protective order.

16 THE COURT: Read to me again though what you just  
17 said the standard was. I -- I could have sworn I heard  
18 conspiracy in there.

19 MR. COOTER: I'm sorry?

20 THE COURT: I could have sworn I heard conspiring.

21 MR. COOTER: If I did, I didn't --

22 THE COURT: I mean, but what does it say?

23 MR. COOTER: Oh, no. No. No.

24 Actually, they're two different cases. They're two  
25 different quotes.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MR. COOTER: The first one is -- looks like  
3 whitcraft or something, "Nonparties who act with the party  
4 subject to the order are bound by the order." It's not a  
5 conspiracy theory. It's either they act with or don't act  
6 with.

7 There's no question that happened.

8 It goes further --

9 THE COURT: Act with them to do what?

10 Acts with the party, I could have sworn there was  
11 another part of that.

12 MR. COOTER: Act with them in connection with the  
13 order in the way documents were dealt with.

14 THE COURT: That's what that case says?

15 MR. COOTER: Yes.

16 THE COURT: Okay. What's that case again? That's  
17 the 763 --

18 MR. COOTER: No, let me give you that cite. That  
19 cite looks like F70 F.3d at 570 --

20 MR. MATEJA: What was that? 570 or F70?

21 MR. COOTER: I don't know. You know, age has a way  
22 of dealing -- what is this cite?

23 MS. MANGOLD: You can't read it?

24 Your Honor, 570 F.3d at 272, the name is whitcraft.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. COOTER: Now, the second -- there's a second  
2 case that did use the word "conspiracy" so let me give you  
3 that one.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MR. COOTER: That's a quote right from the Fifth  
6 Circuit.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MR. COOTER: "A party who knowingly aids, abets, or  
9 conspires --" you know, this isn't an aiding or abetting  
10 case, they're subject to the protective order, it doesn't  
11 require scienter, it's not a criminal conspiracy kind of  
12 concept, "-- to invade an injunction or order of the court  
13 is also in contempt of the court."

14 Or to put it in the court's parlance earlier in  
15 response --

16 THE COURT: Was that the 763 F.2d --

17 MR. COOTER: That case is 763 F.2d 711, jump site  
18 language is on 736.

19 And so I think that this -- now, of course, you know,  
20 you get practical about it, what happened was Judge Sanderson  
21 gave 'em a choice. He says you either enter or disgorge the  
22 documents. They -- they took their choice. They chose not  
23 to enter and then told him that they disgorged the documents.

24 well, if -- if -- if they lied to the court, and it's an  
25 open issue, we can't tell right now, all we know is that

1 later something happened that would indicate that one of  
2 those statements isn't true, either that they had disgorged  
3 or never -- or didn't disgorge. And you can't tell from  
4 this.

5 But for purposes - to use the court's parlance - of  
6 sending this for a -- a show cause order as to whether there  
7 ought to be a contempt finding there should be enough at this  
8 point.

9 And we'll be happy to supplement with more briefing if  
10 you'd like.

11 MR. MATEJA: Can I respond to Mr. Lowenstein's  
12 argument?

13 THE COURT: Sure.

14 MR. MATEJA: Which also responds.

15 The -- I have a copy of the -- the Whitcraft versus  
16 Brown case. In fact, can I approach, Your Honor?

17 THE COURT: Yes.

18 MR. MATEJA: The reason why we have copies of this  
19 is because they have already briefed this. I mention this  
20 because I don't know if they need more time to brief this  
21 argument.

22 But I think what's important here is that counsel for  
23 movant somehow has tried to distance this aiding and abetting  
24 conspiracy notion from what they have to establish, but  
25 that's not what this case says. Okay?

1 And if we take a look at -- let me see where it's at.

2 It's under key note 12 -- okay. Head note 7 and  
3 star page 12 on this version, which is page 4 -- and  
4 actually, I tell you what -- actually, I tell you what, can  
5 you -- I'm sorry.

6 Take a look at page 3, under subsection 2. And it's  
7 keynotes 2, 3, and 4.

8 It says: As the court noted, a movant in a civil  
9 contempt proceeding bears the burden of establishing by clear  
10 and convincing evidence 1, 2, and 3. A court order binds not  
11 only the parties subject thereto but also nonparties who act  
12 with the enjoined party. They cite the NLRB versus Laborers  
13 International Union case.

14 And the quote is, "Any party who knowingly aids, abets  
15 or conspires with another to evade an injunction or order of  
16 the court is also in contempt of that court."

17 And so, Your Honor, to Mr. Lowenstein's point is there  
18 is no evidence in the record whatsoever that somehow Securus  
19 or T-Netix has done anything in combination with Gruber  
20 Hurst, acting with Gruber Hurst, conspiring with Gruber  
21 Hurst, anything along those lines. There's no evidence  
22 whatsoever.

23 Okay?

24 And for those reasons, Your Honor, at a very minimum the  
25 court should grant kind of this motion for a directed finding



1 vis-a-vis the T-NetixSecurus individuals. To the point of my  
2 client, okay, this has been an issue that has been kind of  
3 percolating. And while I think I may have -- you know, we've  
4 talked about --

5 THE COURT: It became clear to you in your dream.

6 (Laughter)

7 MR. MATEJA: That's right. It became clearer to  
8 me. And notwithstanding, again, this issue has kind of  
9 percolated out there, and whatever evidence that they have is  
10 whatever evidence that they have.

11 THE COURT: Well, let me put you on the spot a  
12 little bit.

13 MR. MATEJA: Absolutely.

14 THE COURT: Since one of the -- since it's not  
15 necessary that a violation of a protective order be  
16 willful --

17 MR. MATEJA: Right.

18 THE COURT: -- which I know a -- a -- a lot of your  
19 argument goes to sort of the written argument. There is some  
20 of it that goes to a sort of -- it's -- it's -- it's sort of  
21 a mitigation type of argument I would characterize it as.

22 MR. MATEJA: It is.

23 THE COURT: But just looking at the elements --

24 MR. MATEJA: Right

25 THE COURT: -- I can't think of a better word, of

1 civil contempt, do we have an issue as far as Gruber Hurst is  
2 concerned that the order itself -- unmistakably there is an  
3 issue that the order itself exists.

4 MR. MATEJA: Right.

5 THE COURT: There's no question, right?

6 MR. MATEJA: Right.

7 THE COURT: The order is -- there is a question as  
8 to whether Gruber Hurst was subject -- is subject to the  
9 order and therefore bound by its terms.

10 MR. MATEJA: That's right.

11 THE COURT: Okay. There is not a question that  
12 Gruber Hurst in fact disseminated the document. Is that  
13 correct?

14 MR. MATEJA: That's not an issue, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Is there an issue that Gruber  
16 Hurst back when -- in 2008 when Judge Sanderson heard the  
17 first motion for contempt that in response to Judge  
18 Sanderson's order a representative of Gruber Hurst informed  
19 that Gruber Hurst no longer had the document or had purged  
20 itself from the document?

21 MR. MATEJA: I believe what happened at the  
22 hearing --

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. MATEJA: -- was that Mr. Tautfest indicated  
25 that they would be returning the documents and destroyed the

1 documents.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MR. MATEJA: One thing I would note, Your Honor, is  
4 that if you look at the transcript, okay, there is not an  
5 order from Judge Sanderson that they do this. Okay?

6 And I say that with all due respect, in knowing that it  
7 was clear from that hearing, okay, it was clear that we were  
8 going to return the document, we intended to return the  
9 document, we intended to destroy the document, but I dare say  
10 that one of the reasons why they haven't asked you for an  
11 application to show cause why we shouldn't be held in  
12 contempt of Judge Sanderson's order is because there wasn't  
13 an order.

14 THE COURT: Right. which is termed it as -- I  
15 phrased it in terms of a misrepresentation.

16 MR. MATEJA: Right.

17 THE COURT: Is there a -- is there a question that  
18 there was not a misrepresentation back then?

19 MR. MATEJA: There -- the -- there is not. Because  
20 all that Mr. Tautfest says is that they're going to start the  
21 process -- I mean, Judge Sanderson clearly wants us to return  
22 the documents if we're not going to enter our appearance as  
23 counsel of record. Okay. We did not enter our appearance.  
24 And we did represent to the other side -- actually, we sent  
25 it to Bell Nunnally, that here's the copies of what we have,

1 the hard copies, and that we've destroyed those records.

2 THE COURT: Okay. So are you saying that that  
3 which turned out to be a misrepresentation, whether or not  
4 willful, whether or not intentional --

5 MR. MATEJA: Right. Right.

6 THE COURT: -- was not made to Judge Sanderson, was  
7 only made to the other party?

8 MR. MATEJA: Help me out here, guys, because I  
9 haven't focused as much -- I'll be honest with you, Your  
10 Honor. We've really been focused on the protective order.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MR. MATEJA: And not so much the transcript of what  
13 transpired.

14 MR. LOWENSTEIN: It's a matter of a day but during  
15 the hearing Mr. Tautfest, and this is my recollection, told  
16 the court we're going to return everything, after he said you  
17 need to return everything. The next day he sends a letter  
18 saying here's everything.

19 The letter saying here's everything, to my knowledge,  
20 was not submitted to the court as Gruber Hurst's  
21 representation to the court that it had occurred.

22 THE COURT: But based on what you saw the -- the  
23 misrepresentation, whether intentional or willful or not, was  
24 that we are going to move that document, move those  
25 documents, and then that didn't happen.

1 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, again, I think we've got  
2 to look at the transcript. I'm not sure that that was  
3 actually said.

4 MS. BROWN: If I might, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Sure, Ms. Brown.

6 MS. BROWN: I don't believe Mr. Tautfest stated  
7 that on the record.

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 MS. BROWN: I'm looking at page 69 of the  
10 transcript, which I believe is the Movant's Number 2 and it  
11 starts at line 14, this is the court, just above that -- let  
12 me go to line 12 on page 69, this is Mr. Tautfest speaking,  
13 he says, "We do still have those documents, Your Honor."

14 Prior to that he has explained to the court "That's  
15 correct, Your Honor. Your Honor, we do not have the  
16 confidential documents. What we have are discovery responses  
17 and accident reports --" which should have been expert  
18 reports. I don't know if he said accident reports or it was  
19 transcribed incorrectly. "We still have those documents  
20 because we are working with Mr. Pittman -- Pittman and the  
21 Bell Nunnally firm on the overlapping issues, and we helped  
22 prepare the witness. We are giving advice. And we have been  
23 asked to do that by our mutual client.

24 "So we still have those documents."

25 Judge Sanderson says: well, I think the short answer is

1 that needs to go back right now. And if you and your firm  
2 want to enter a formal appearance as counsel representing  
3 T-Netix in this case, then so be it. But I think that there  
4 all kind of confusions here when you're representing them.

5 So I don't believe that Mr. Tautfest ever said on the  
6 record or agreed that he would give them back, because there  
7 were -- there were two choices, either enter an appearance as  
8 counsel of record or give them back.

9 He certainly wrote letters to the Bell Nunnally firm,  
10 but to answer your question about a statement of the court as  
11 an officer of the court as to whether or not those would go  
12 back, I don't believe he said that in the transcript of the  
13 hearing.

14 MR. COOTER: She stopped too short.

15 Judge Sanderson says.

16 THE COURT: Where are you -- where are you looking?

17 MR. COOTER: I'm sorry?

18 THE COURT: Where are you looking?

19 MR. COOTER: At page 70.

20 THE COURT: Page 70 okay.

21 MR. COOTER: He gives them a choice.

22 "If you wish to enter formally file a motion with an  
23 entry of appearance --"

24 " -- that is this case here in the Northern District of  
25 Texas -- then I think once you have been enrolled and your

1 firm has been enrolled as counsel of record in the Northern  
2 District of Texas then you are therefore entitled to access  
3 under the terms of the confidentially (sic) order."

4 And then there's a -- there's a simple sentence.

5 "Yes, Your Honor, and we will return those documents  
6 today."

7 MS. BROWN: That is Mr. Bowers.

8 MR. MATEJA: That is Mr. Bowers though, Your Honor.

9 MS. BROWN: That is not Mr. Tautfest.

10 MR. COOTER: Well, --

11 MR. MATEJA: Okay. And he -- and then he has to  
12 look them. He says: I want those documents returned to  
13 counsel whose appearance has already been entered in the  
14 case.

15 Mr. Bowers, who is counsel of record, is saying when he  
16 gets those documents that he's going to return them. And, in  
17 fact, he did return what Gruber Hurst sent to him.

18 Again, Your Honor, I mean, mea culpa. It just turned  
19 out that when we deleted the document we didn't realize that  
20 there was another place where the document was at. And I've  
21 got the computer expert so we can get that in front of you.

22 He can give you a report. He is a well-known computer  
23 forensic expert. He's been used in lots of cases. I mean,  
24 he very well could be the quote/unquote independent. I mean,  
25 he can tell you what happened, which is that -- I mean,

1 unfortunately -- I have two witnesses who will say that there  
2 were -- that it was deleted. My computer forensic expert  
3 will say that there was another place where it was at. And  
4 unfortunately when they were doing the other litigation it  
5 got subsumed within this. And there is -- there's no  
6 conspiracy. There's no Securus/T-Netix is feeding the  
7 documents to them. That just is not the case.

8 And that's why, Your Honor, I think it would be very  
9 appropriate for the court to consider directing a finding on  
10 behalf of T-NetixSecurus, letting us put up our computer  
11 forensic expert so that you can hear. I mean, we've already  
12 paid for him. He's here for your benefit so you can hear  
13 where this document is and so we can get rid of it. Because  
14 we want to get rid of it. We don't want it. We didn't want  
15 it back when we thought we destroyed it back in 2008. And  
16 that's the appropriate way to handle this case.

17 But the bottom line is, is that the movant has not met  
18 its burden of establishing clear and convincing evidence that  
19 we are subject to the protective order. And, you know, even  
20 this theory that they have espoused most recently, it doesn't  
21 get them there.

22 For all those reasons --

23 THE COURT: Let -- let me ask you this.

24 MR. MATEJA: Yes.

25 THE COURT: Okay. When Ms. Brown was reading from



1 the -- Mr. Tautfest's statement to Judge Sanderson about  
2 why -- why --

3 MR. MATEJA: Right.

4 THE COURT: -- Gruber Hurst needed to have access  
5 to the documents, all the things that Gruber Hurst was doing  
6 in order -- that -- that it needed the documents --

7 MR. MATEJA: Okay.

8 THE COURT: -- is there anything about that that  
9 lends some support then to -- to VAC's argument that Gruber  
10 Hurst was indeed working in concert with a party to the  
11 protective order? A party subject to the protective order.

12 MR. MATEJA: Well, what he's talking about then are  
13 the questions that were going on then, which quite frankly  
14 did not exist in 2010 when there is the Combined and the  
15 Pinnacle cases.

16 Mr. Tautfest isn't at -- wasn't at Gruber Hurst. In  
17 fact, he leaves soon thereafter. I mean, Mr. Tautfest  
18 didn't have anything to do with those cases.

19 And -- and the truth is that I can put Mr. Tautfest up  
20 on the witness stand. He will tell you that he directed his  
21 paralegal to destroy the electronic version. There's no  
22 doubt that the hard copy went back.

23 Ms. Miller, who is the paralegal, would testify that she  
24 destroyed it.

25 Mr. Tautfest would say that he went to the place where

1 it should have been, it was not there, and that it was  
2 destroyed. So, I mean, again a mistake was made. Somehow  
3 that document existed somewhere else. And it was  
4 inadvertent. We never intended for it to go out. I mean, we  
5 could put on a lot of evidence. We've got a number of  
6 witnesses.

7 THE COURT: Well, I guess that's what I mean by  
8 sort of mitigation sort of evidence. I mean, because as far  
9 as the question goes, since we're not concerned with scienter  
10 when it -- as it relates to the -- the civil contempt, then  
11 it would seem to me that those are the kinds of things that  
12 if I were to certify to Judge Fitzwater that there is --  
13 there are facts that would constitute contempt that you would  
14 be able to present in the actual show causing hearing.

15 But I would like to hear from the computer expert,  
16 because I have a feeling that it may fall to me, it may  
17 not --

18 MR. MATEJA: Right.

19 THE COURT: -- it may fall to me to make the  
20 determination about your motion to purge as well as their  
21 corresponding argument against purge and why.

22 MR. MATEJA: Right.

23 THE COURT: So I think I would like to hear from  
24 your expert.

25 But I also want to confirm with VAC that if Gruber Hurst

1 is not contesting that there is an order, that the documents  
2 which were under -- subject to protection under the order  
3 were actually disseminated and the only issue is whether or  
4 not Gruber Hurst was subject to the protective order for  
5 purposes of certifying the civil contempt.

6 Am I missing something regarding additional evidence  
7 along those lines?

8 It doesn't seem that there would be a point in that and  
9 it comes down to a legal argument at this point.

10 MR. COOTER: I think the -- I think the -- the  
11 facts that the order was disseminated and the document was  
12 subject to protective order admit it.

13 THE COURT: Right.

14 MR. COOTER: That's true.

15 THE COURT: Right.

16 MR. COOTER: I think that the issue is whether or  
17 not -- the issue narrowly framed -- the legal issue narrowly  
18 framed is whether or not you have to be a party to a  
19 protective order --

20 THE COURT: Right.

21 MR. COOTER: -- to a court order, to violate it.

22 THE COURT: Right. So my question to you is that  
23 we're down to a legal argument as opposed to a factual issue.

24 MR. COOTER: I -- I believe that -- well, I believe  
25 that that's true. And that's the issue that I suspect that

1 we'll have to brief, if -- if it's necessary to brief it.

2 But we're here at a motion -- we're here at a directed  
3 verdict motion.

4 THE COURT: Well, it -- it sounds like that, but  
5 I'm just going to tell you the truth, because this is not  
6 that kind of hearing I'm considering directing a verdict.  
7 I'm considering that as the ultimate arguments upon which I'm  
8 going to consider when I make my determinations here.

9 MR. COOTER: Right.

10 THE COURT: And I think y'all probably figured that  
11 out as we were going along, that, you know, there's no  
12 directed verdict that's going to happen here. It's all a  
13 part of what I'm going to consider in determining the  
14 ultimate issues --

15 MR. COOTER: Right.

16 THE COURT: -- before me.

17 MR. MATEJA: Right.

18 THE COURT: And so I just wanted to confirm with  
19 you, and it sounds like you're at the same place that we all  
20 are, is that we're now down to a legal issue of whether or  
21 not Gruber Hurst was subject to the protective order.

22 MR. COOTER: Or -- but let's take it -- let's take  
23 it further.

24 There's no question that T-Netix/Securus was. Okay?

25 THE COURT: Right. But that --

1 MR. COOTER: And if that document goes out -- goes  
2 out, they're subject to protective order, they're responsible  
3 too.

4 THE COURT: Well --

5 MR. COOTER: I mean, they're actually signatories.

6 THE COURT: That sounds like a legal issue as  
7 well --

8 MR. COOTER: Right.

9 THE COURT: -- to me.

10 All that being said, I would like to hear from the  
11 computer expert so I can get that testimony in the record and  
12 have something before me regarding that.

13 And at the conclusion of that testimony then we'll just  
14 order that any further briefing on the legal issues happen --  
15 it's going to have to happen within the week. So I'm going  
16 to say by Monday. And if there are any -- if there is any  
17 response to the other side's brief of the legal issues then  
18 that response will need to be in to us by the 8th.

19 So by the 1st initial briefs, by the 8th any response to  
20 the other parties' briefs.

21 And Mr. Mateja.

22 MS. BROWN: Judge, --

23 THE COURT: I'm sorry.

24 MS. BROWN: -- you had said Monday?

25 THE COURT: I said Monday, so that's -- what day is

1 that?

2 MS. BROWN: I believe it's the 4th.

3 THE COURT: The 4th and the 8th.

4 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, I do want to put Mr. Cowen  
5 on. He actually has a flight he needs to leave for by 3:00.

6 THE COURT: I'm ready now.

7 MR. MATEJA: I don't want to lead you astray  
8 either.

9 THE COURT: Okay.

10 MR. MATEJA: which is that if the court is not  
11 going to consider some sort of directed finding, I do believe  
12 I need to put on a little more testimony that relates to this  
13 substantial compliance notion, because you have accurately  
14 pointed out that if they put on their prima facie case, then  
15 I get a chance to put on a case of substantial compliance.

16 And while I have told you things about what Ms. Miller  
17 did and what Mr. Tautfest did, it's not in the record.

18 THE COURT: Okay.

19 MR. MATEJA: It's not evidence. So I need to make  
20 sure they get up here.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 MR. MATEJA: So without further ado let me go ahead  
23 and put Mr. Cowen on.

24 THE COURT: And -- and let me tell you, because I  
25 know it's 1:00 now, the reason I'm not taking a lunch break,

1 but I may need to take a break so our court reporter can get  
2 a snack, is because I have a criminal docket at 2:00. It  
3 shouldn't last more than 45 minutes or so, but I'm going to  
4 handle it in the middle of this, which will give you an  
5 opportunity to go get something to eat and come back if we're  
6 still going.

7 MR. MATEJA: All right.

8 THE COURT: But I am going to have to give her an  
9 opportunity to take a break prior to that time.

10 (Witness sworn.)

11 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, I don't know if counsel  
12 has had an opportunity to go through our exhibits yet, but as  
13 I'm in my case I would like to go ahead and much like they  
14 did in their case and offer them en masse. So it would be  
15 Exhibits 1 through --

16 MR. COOTER: We're going to have to look at them.

17 THE COURT: Ms. Mangold, did you have an -- an  
18 opportunity to look through those?

19 MR. COOTER: We have copies, but we haven't looked  
20 at them. We've been trying the case.

21 THE COURT: Well, you were busy at the podium, but  
22 she was actually looking at them.

23 MS. MANGOLD: I've been looking at other things,  
24 Your Honor, but we'll look through them right now.

25 THE COURT: All right.

1 MR. MATEJA: So it would be just for the record  
2 Gruber Hurst Exhibits 1 through 26 inclusive of I believe  
3 Exhibit 9 has an A, B and C, 10 has a 10-A, 15 has a 15-A.

4 THE COURT: And you're offering 1 through 25 with  
5 those -- 1 through 26 with those subsections?

6 MR. MATEJA: That's right, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: I'm sorry, 1 through 29 with those  
8 subsections?

9 I see you've got some tabs in there that don't have  
10 exhibits.

11 MR. MATEJA: Just in case I had another --

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MS. MANGOLD: Your Honor, I'm almost through.

14 THE COURT: Sure.

15 MR. COOTER: Frankly --

16 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

17 MR. COOTER: We're going to object -- everything is  
18 okay, except for 24. It appears to be a resume of Mr. Cowen.  
19 I presume that's Mr. Cowen.

20 I didn't know that we were going to be dealing with  
21 whether or not the thing should be purged or not today. That  
22 really wasn't part of today's proceeding. And the resumes  
23 for experts are generally hearsay. I just looked at it. I  
24 didn't have it until -- until just now. So object to 24.  
25 They can have the rest.



1 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, we were offering --

2 MR. COOTER: Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

3 There's also some kind of a graphic, which is  
4 Exhibit 25. I'll object to that. I have no idea what it's  
5 supposed to depict or who prepared it.

6 This is --

7 THE COURT: You're referring to 24 and --

8 MR. COOTER: 24 and 25 are the problems.

9 Everything else is fine.

10 THE COURT: Exhibits 1 through 23 and 26 are  
11 admitted.

12 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, we were trying to offer 24  
13 just for the sake of efficiency.

14 THE COURT: I understand.

15 DIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. MATEJA:

17 Q. Okay. Mr. Cowen, could you introduce yourself to the  
18 court please?

19 A. My Name is David Laurence Cowen.

20 Q. And, Mr. Cowen, would you tell the court what it is that  
21 you do for a living?

22 A. I am a computer forensics investigator.

23 Q. And how long have you been doing that?

24 A. I've been doing computer forensics since 1999.

25 Q. All right. And have you testified in court before?

1 A. I have.

2 Q. Have you testified a number of times?

3 A. Yes. In fact, it's listed at the end of my CV.

4 Q. Okay. And so tell the court who it is that you're  
5 currently employed by.

6 A. Gruber Hurst.

7 Q. Okay. But actually the firm that you're with is?

8 A. I'm sorry. Gruber Hurst has hired us in this  
9 engagement. I -- I work for a company called G-C Partners.

10 Q. Okay. Are you one of the owners of that company?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. C would be the -- the G-C is the C of Cowen?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. Okay. And tell the court what kind of training that you  
15 have in computer forensics, please.

16 A. I've --

17 MR. COOTER: In the interest of time, I know your  
18 schedule is tight, I won't object to him as a computer  
19 forensics expert.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MR. COOTER: I mean, I may want to voir dire him  
22 later, but for right now he would be qualified as far as I'm  
23 concerned.

24 MR. MATEJA: Any problems with the --

25 MR. COOTER: He's smiling and nodding his head.

1 And you're welcome.

2 MR. MATEJA: Any problems though with the resume?

3 MR. COOTER: I don't have any way to deal with  
4 this. The resume is hearsay.

5 MR. MATEJA: Okay.

6 THE COURT: I'm not concerned about the time,  
7 because I'm going to make you come back after my criminal  
8 hearings if you're not done. So you go right ahead. You  
9 need to prove up something in the resume that's not entered  
10 then you go right ahead.

11 BY MR. MATEJA:

12 Q. So I want to highlight a few things from your CV though.

13 So let's talk about your experience in dealing with  
14 computer forensics. I mean, what kind of training have you  
15 had?

16 A. I've gone through training through a number of  
17 organizations, including the High-tech Crime Investigator's  
18 Association, attending conferences from Guidance software.  
19 I've gone through training, excuse me, from ASR Data. I've  
20 also written books that are used in college courses and  
21 training and actually taught a class for SMU on forensics.

22 Q. Okay. And tell me the books that you have written on  
23 the field of computer forensics.

24 A. I coauthored Hacking Expose Computer Forensics, both the  
25 first and second edition. We're starting work on the third

1 edition now.

2 I coauthored the Anti-Hacker Tool Kit, third edition, as  
3 well as just completed and is in printing now the Infosec  
4 Guide to Computer Forensics, which is a beginner's guide.

5 Q. All right. Have you worked in conjunction with law  
6 enforcement before?

7 A. We've trained law enforcement as well as our cases  
8 sometimes get picked up criminally if they start civilly.

9 Q. Okay. And when you say trained law enforcement, are we  
10 talking about state and local, Feds, combinations thereof?

11 A. A course that we created for a company called Paravin we  
12 trained for Secret Service, FBI and other entities.

13 Q. Okay. Basically your educational background you went to  
14 UTD, University of Texas at Dallas, got a BS in computer  
15 science?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. And you are designated as a CISSP individual?

18 A. I'm certified by ISE squared, and it's the Certified  
19 Information Systems Security Professional.

20 Q. Do you speak routinely?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. And what do you speak on?

23 A. Computer forensics.

24 Q. All right. And so you were hired by Gruber Hurst in  
25 this matter to undertake what?

1 Describe that to the court.

2 A. It was explained to me that a document was produced.  
3 They knew some of the time frames of the important dates of  
4 what happened as far as the document was concerned. They  
5 provided me with access to the servers that the documents  
6 resided on. I did my own inquiry, asking questions regarding  
7 what other computers existed during the time.

8 What was unique about this is that we had to make sure  
9 during our inspections not only did we go out and look but  
10 made sure that we never saw the contents of the offending  
11 document. So we were limited in that aspect of the  
12 investigation.

13 However I have found definitive findings regarding the  
14 existence of the document that was inadvertently produced.  
15 Because of the limitations I haven't found any existence of  
16 the document that was deleted.

17 Q. And you say "the document that was deleted," what are  
18 you referring to there?

19 A. The April 16th, 2008, actions. That was five years ago.  
20 The majority of the artifacts I still find are around the  
21 2010 and forward period.

22 Q. Okay. Now, in order to kind of make all this make  
23 sense, you helped us put together a demonstrative aid that's  
24 already been introduced into evidence as Defense Gruber  
25 Hurst's Exhibit 26; is that correct?

1 A. That's correct.

2 MR. MATEJA: Bev, could you help me? Could we pull  
3 that up on the screen?

4 THE COURT: I don't think that's in. You could  
5 still use it as a demonstrative exhibit, but --

6 MR. MATEJA: Okay. Okay. But it's not in?

7 THE COURT: It's not in.

8 MR. MATEJA: Okay. Let's go ahead and can you put  
9 it up?

10 It has not been previously admitted.

11 BY MR. MATEJA:

12 Q. Now, you are familiar with this diagram, are you not?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And you were instrumental in helping put it  
15 together?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And can you describe to the court generally what does it  
18 describe?

19 A. So what it's showing you is kind of the life cycle of  
20 this document, where I found that it existed originally and  
21 how it came to be where it is today.

22 And we're kind of divided into three groupings on two  
23 different computers.

24 So the computer on top, which is called File\_01, that  
25 was the primary computer, primary server for Gruber Hurst

1 prior to January 2011.

2 Q. Okay. So when we do File\_01, I've got a little laser  
3 point here, this is File\_01; is that correct?

4 A. Correct. That's a representation of File\_01. That's  
5 the Gruber Hurst that was their primary server prior to  
6 January 2011.

7 Q. Okay. Now above File\_01 is a 500 gigabyte server, is  
8 that what this is?

9 A. These are actually disk drives that are attached to  
10 File\_01 and the 500 gigabytes is an approximate, but it's  
11 basically the -- the disks that are contained within it  
12 physically that it had access to.

13 And then on April 25th, 2008 they needed additional  
14 storage space and they added this two terabyte volume.

15 On April 28 of 2008 they actually performed a migration  
16 of data that existed prior on the 500 gigabyte drive onto the  
17 two terabyte drive

18 Q. So whatever was there before the 28th got moved over  
19 from the 500 gigabyte drive to the two terabyte drive?

20 A. It got copied over, that's correct.

21 Q. Okay. Okay. So in the context of the McAlexander  
22 report -- and you're familiar with that report generally; is  
23 that right?

24 A. By name and by Bates number.

25 Q. Okay. Okay. Tell us what it was while you were

1 reviewing Gruber Hurst computers what it was that you found.

2 A. So what I found is I found the actual -- and I didn't  
3 expect to find the 500 gigabyte drive, the deletion records  
4 for the Securus\_Global\_New directory that was originally made  
5 back in 2007.

6 This is where the second copy of the offending document  
7 resided, and it continued to reside until March 28, 2008,  
8 when it's copied in its entirety, this whole folder --

9 Q. Is it March or April 28th?

10 A. April.

11 Q. April 28th.

12 A. April 28th, 2008.

13 THE COURT: So they tell us when we delete  
14 something on our computer it never really goes away, it's  
15 just overwritten. So are you saying that when it was deleted  
16 and it was sent to be overwritten or whatever then it -- it  
17 was still there?

18 THE WITNESS: No, ma'am.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 THE WITNESS: In this case I'm saying this was  
21 another copy.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 THE WITNESS: This copy was never deleted.

24 BY MR. MATEJA:

25 Q. Okay. Do you believe there was one copy and then



1 another copy?

2 A. Based on the facts that were told to me that there were  
3 deletions that they knew that were performed on April 16th,  
4 2008, I found no evidence to contradict that. I found  
5 nothing that showed that there could not have been another  
6 location. What I do know is that this location con --  
7 con -- existed from October 8th, 2007, and did -- was not  
8 deleted until later on, after the migration.

9 In other words, this was at the time of the migration  
10 from the 500 gig to the 2 terabyte this was a -- an active or  
11 a nondeleted file.

12 Q. Okay. And so the facts that you were told was that this  
13 offending document, the McAlexander report, was deleted; is  
14 that correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. Okay. And at least for the -- the file names that you  
17 see, is that consistent with what you see?

18 A. The file names I'm seeing -- typically there's --  
19 there's two key indicators in my searching, and one is the --  
20 the directory, named after the Bates range that the documents  
21 were produced under, and then the secondary is the actual  
22 Bates names of the offending document of itself. I found  
23 those in the deleted -- in the deleted folder on the 500  
24 gigabyte -- excuse me, on the 500 gigabyte drive. This was  
25 deleted sometime after April 28th, 2008. They -- they kept a

1 copy when they migrated in case something went wrong.

2 I then found that they were originally copied on April  
3 28th, 2008, to the two terabyte drive in this  
4 Securus\_Global\_new folder. But in August 29th 2010 they made  
5 a new folder called Securus - Combined - Production. Now --

6 Q. Before you go there I want to make sure one thing is  
7 clear for the judge.

8 This Securus\_Global\_New folder that we've talked about,  
9 that's a folder in what?

10 A. It's a folder on the drive and it's under the Summation  
11 directory.

12 Q. Okay. So it's in Summation.

13 What is Summation?

14 A. Summation is a legal review software.

15 Q. Okay. And now it's not called Securus Global?

16 A. No.

17 Q. It's called Securus\_Global\_new?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. Okay. What does that indicate to you?

20 A. If I were to speculate it would mean that there was more  
21 than one.

22 Q. Okay. And so in any event, this folder that's on the  
23 500 gigabyte drive on April the 28th it moves over to the two  
24 terabyte drive and it moves over under the folder  
25 Securus\_Global\_new; is that right?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And then subsequently on August the 9th of 2010 the data  
3 is moved into a new folder that's called Securus - Combined -  
4 Production; is that correct?

5 A. Correct. And what's interesting, it's not just the  
6 McAlexander report, it's about 600,000 documents that are all  
7 moved en masse from one directory to the other after this  
8 directory is created. And we know this because of the  
9 artifacts of this file system is that it assigns a number  
10 every time a file is created, and it's a little internal  
11 index it uses to reference the file.

12 The number sequence for Securus\_Global\_New is between  
13 200,000 and around 600,000 for the documents we care about.

14 The numbers for Securus - Combined - Production are  
15 around the two million range. However, inside of that two  
16 million range directory you find the set of documents with  
17 the 200,000, to 600,000 number. Meaning these documents that  
18 were originally in the Secure Global New directory were  
19 simply moved. It's not a copy. It didn't come from another  
20 location.

21 Q. Now, assume with me one fact here, Mr. Cowen, which is  
22 that there was another folder that had the offending  
23 document, the report, that it was destroyed, but that it  
24 continued to exist in this new older Securus\_Global\_new.

25 Okay. Can you look at the offending document in this

1 folder as it's transferred over and as it's transferred to  
2 the Securus Combined database to ascertain if anybody -- and  
3 I'll use a -- probably an inartful way of saying it, but has  
4 anybody touched that document? Have they accessed it? Have  
5 they done anything to this offensive document?

6 A. So this is where it becomes a little difficult.

7 My understanding is that in 2011 when they switched to  
8 key companies Gruber Hurst got new computers. There are only  
9 two computers from this time frame that I understand still  
10 exist, both of which are -- I've examined, the first being  
11 File\_01 and the second being a desktop that at one point was  
12 used by Ms. Miller. It was just luck that it still existed  
13 in the computer room.

14 My examination --

15 Q. Who is Ms. Miller?

16 A. My understanding she was one of the paralegals who was  
17 working on the case.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. My review does not show that anyone other than the  
20 administrator user at the time that Gruber Hurst had  
21 questions of did this document still exist in 2012 -- there  
22 is no indication that anyone else ever accessed it.

23 Q. Okay. So -- so that I make sure I'm clear, the evidence  
24 that you see with regard to the offensive document is that  
25 nobody appears to have accessed it except for the IT

1 administrator?

2 A. That's after 2010.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. In April -- after April 20, 2008 and when you're looking  
5 at the 2010 time frame, it's obvious that someone found it  
6 underneath the Securus\_Global\_New directory --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- and moved the documents over.

9 Q. Okay. Okay. Can you ascertain between the time period  
10 of 10/08/07 -- well, actually, you -- you can see when it's  
11 moved on August the 9th. Can you tell whether there was  
12 anything else done with, to, related to the document during  
13 this time frame?

14 A. Again, I know they're produced at some point but all the  
15 interactions that occur on the individual computers --

16 Q. Right.

17 A. -- they're not logged by the server. The server is only  
18 logging certain information and that information only stays  
19 for a certain amount of time. So the artifacts that I'm  
20 relying upon are the file catalogs, it's called the master  
21 file table, for each of these drives that let's me see this.  
22 And I'm looking at the records that show access from the  
23 server.

24 So from the artifacts present for me to examine, no, I  
25 don't see any other accesses.

1 Q. And at least --

2 THE COURT: So -- let me ask a question.

3 So it could have been on an individual's computer and  
4 not on the server?

5 THE WITNESS: If it was ever copied off, yes,  
6 ma'am.

7 THE COURT: I'm sorry, Mr. Mateja

8 MR. MATEJA: No, that's all right.

9 BY MR. MATEJA:

10 Q. You had access to Gruber Hurst's current server; is that  
11 correct?

12 A. I had access to it, but I was hesitant to do the same  
13 procedure that I did with File\_01. I'll explain.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. In order to honor the -- the plaintiff's requests, facts  
16 request of not disturbing any metadata, not changing anything  
17 about the documents based upon our review, we actually  
18 powered down File\_01, we attached to it in a read only  
19 fashion, and extracted only the artifacts that we knew would  
20 be of relevance.

21 we didn't make a copy of the server, so can't say what  
22 else could be recovered, because we would get the offending  
23 document and then we would be violating the protective order.

24 On the server, this is a -- a production server by  
25 GHJHFS is the name of it.

Q. And that's right here on this diagram?

1 A. Correct.

2

3 Q. GHJHFS; is that correct?

4 A. That's correct. We did not take the server down as a  
5 running production server. However, what we found, which was  
6 fortunate for us, is that the administrator user on File\_01  
7 actually searched on GHJHFS for the offending document and  
8 found it in those two locations, and that was logged. So we  
9 didn't have to go and disturb the document after he did.

10 Q. Okay. So the know the offending document is at SECURUS  
11 - COMBINED - PRODUCTION\IMAGES\Securus Global and also in the  
12 folder SECURUS - COMBINED - PRODUCTION\IMAGES?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. Is that the only place that you know of where this  
15 offensive document is?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. Okay. Now, you are aware though that in the -- in the  
18 Combined Pinnacle litigation that an external hard drive with  
19 documents, including the report, was sent to Combined's  
20 counsel and Pinnacle's counsel?

21 A. That's my understanding.

22 Q. And it's your understanding that those external hard  
23 drives were sent back to Gruber Hurst?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And that they still reside with Gruber Hurst?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. So -- so we've actually got four places where the  
3 document is.

4 It is the two places that are located on the GHJHFS  
5 computer; is that correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. And then the two external hard drives?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. Are there any other places that the document is at?

10 A. Not that I found.

11 Q. Now, Mr. Cowen, have -- have -- in any of your  
12 searching -- because you spent -- how much time have you  
13 spent on this project? Roughly?

14 A. About -- billable 16 hours. I've done a lot more than  
15 that.

16 Q. Okay. Have you have seen any indicia, based on your  
17 training -- I mean, you do all sorts of computer forensics,  
18 you look at hack jobs, that kind of stuff, any evidence that  
19 somehow Gruber Hurst was trying to segregate this McAlexander  
20 report so that it could utilize it however it saw fit?

21 A. The -- the offending document itself, which is a pretty  
22 small set in the base range, was never in my review separate  
23 or apart. It was always included as part of a mass transfer  
24 of all the images contained within the secured database  
25 called Securus\_Global\_New.



1 Q. Mr. Cowen, Defense Exhibit 25, I mean, does it fairly  
2 and accurately represent everything on Gruber Hurst's  
3 computers and is it consistent with your testimony?

4 A. It doesn't represent everything on Gruber Hurst's  
5 computers, obviously, but it is exactly what I reviewed and  
6 asked the graphics person to make and summarize.

7 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, we would move for the  
8 introduction of what's been marked as Defense Exhibit 25.

9 MR. COOTER: I don't think it's admissible. You  
10 have looked at it. It is whatever it is, but I don't think  
11 it's admissible.

12 You know, It's compounded by the fact that I just saw  
13 this for the first thing two minutes ago.

14 THE COURT: Are you offering it as a summary of the  
15 testimony?

16 MR. MATEJA: I'm offering it as a -- to show the  
17 court where the documents are at.

18 THE COURT: Then that objection is sustained.

19 MR. MATEJA: Okay. well, then I'm offering it as a  
20 demonstrative aid, to aid the court.

21 THE COURT: You can use it as a demonstrative aid,  
22 but it can't be in evidence.

23 MR. MATEJA: Okay. Your Honor, we'd like to  
24 introduce it as a summary of his testimony.

25 THE COURT: It's admitted.

1 MR. MATEJA: Thank you, Your Honor.

2 Your Honor, we'll pass the witness.

3 MR. COOTER: That's not what 1001 speaks to. 1001  
4 speaks to voluminous documents that get distilled to a  
5 summary. There's no testimony about that.

6 THE COURT: Okay. You're objecting to my ruling  
7 and I'm taking note of that. You can go right ahead with  
8 your cross-examination if you'd like.

9 MR. COOTER: I'm sorry, are you admitting it or  
10 denying it?

11 THE COURT: I've already admitted it.

12 MR. COOTER: I have many age infirmities.

13 THE COURT: Me too. I understand.

14 CROSS EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. COOTER:

16 Q. When were you retained, sir?

17 A. I believe about three weeks ago.

18 Q. Three weeks ago.

19 And who was it -- what were the circumstances that led  
20 to your retention three weeks ago?

21 Somebody call you?

22 what happened?

23 A. I originally talked to Mr. Mateja back in November of  
24 2012. He described the case and what it was. And I offered  
25 what I thought at the time would be a good idea, which was

1 imaging the server.

2 They obviously heard back and said that was not a good  
3 idea to do anything with the server and not to copy the  
4 documents against. So we did not move forward at that point.  
5 N. February of this year I was working at the end of January  
6 with Mr. Mateja on another case and he said I've been  
7 retained by Gruber Hurst, I think we found a way for you to  
8 move forward and do your investigation.

9 Q. Who gave you the task?

10 who told you what it was you were supposed to do? Was  
11 it Mr. Magee?

12 A. It was -- I mean, really the task came from Mr. Mateja.  
13 I mean, he's the one who directed the investigation. I've  
14 had conversations with Mrs. Brown and Mr. Magee and anyone  
15 else I could get my hands on who knew facts on the matter.

16 Q. Who did you talk to in connection with this  
17 investigation that you made?

18 A. I talked to Mr. Mateja. I talked to Mr. Magee. I  
19 talked to Mrs. Brown. I've talked to the IT person who was  
20 assigned to Gruber Hurst prior to early 2011 when they  
21 switched companies. I've talked to the IT person for the new  
22 entity that is now managing Gruber Hurst computers. And  
23 obviously I've made inquiries about can I talk to anyone else  
24 who has a computer from that time frame. Because I'm only  
25 interested in computers. The computer evidence is what I'm

1 focused on.

2 Q. All right. Let's take a look at the graphic, if it's in  
3 evidence. I don't have the ability to pull it up, judge.  
4 But do you have it there?

5 MR. MATEJA: We can pull it up. It's Exhibit 25.

6 BY MR. COOTER:

7 Q. Now, I just want to make sure that I understand.

8 The scope of your task was exactly what?

9 What exactly were you asked to do?

10 A. Find out everything I can about the existence of the  
11 McAlexander -- McAlexander report, where it existed on the  
12 server, what happened to it, any possible copies of it, track  
13 it down, find out what happened to it.

14 Q. All right. Now, you apparently looked at -- that's not  
15 going to work.

16 You apparently looked at -- what is this server here  
17 (indicating)?

18 A. So that's -- those two disks on top belong to one server  
19 called File\_01.

20 Q. Okay. So this document existed in this folder?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Where'd it come from?

23 A. It was originally loaded onto the system.

24 Q. By who?

25 What was its source?

1 A. My understanding was it was from the original Bell  
2 Nunnally production.

3 I don't know.

4 Q. You don't know.

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Okay. So you don't know where it came from.

7 And is it also true that you don't know who had copies  
8 of it?

9 A. I -- I know that it came to exist on October 8th, 2007,  
10 on the server.

11 Q. Right.

12 A. And I -- I don't have any of the systems available to me  
13 other than two that exist in that time frame to have any idea  
14 to know who accessed it outside of the server.

15 Q. Okay. Well, then I guess what I said is right.

16 Not only do you not know where it came from, you don't  
17 know who had copies of it at various places, could have been  
18 Securus, could have been Bell Nunnally, could have been a lot  
19 of places, and you don't know where it was.

20 A. So I've never been retained to look at Securus or Bell  
21 Nunnally. If engaged to I would be more than happy to go and  
22 identify whether or not those specific files are there.

23 I can tell you my understanding is October 8th, 2007, is  
24 around the time the documents were to be delivered to Gruber  
25 Hurst, so my assumption was that they were from the original

1 delivery.

2 I have no indication idea that they were ever copied on  
3 from any other source. These are the same documents that  
4 existed the entire time.

5 As far as where else they could have gone, unfortunately  
6 the evidence that would have showed me that for the  
7 individuals who were accessing it no longer exists for the  
8 time frame, except for the one computer that Ms. Miller has.  
9 And I have no evidence --

10 Q. It doesn't exist?

11 why doesn't it exist?

12 A. The machines were replaced in 2011.

13 Q. well, did anybody keep a backup of what existed that  
14 would tell us where all this went?

15 A. The data was transferred, obviously, but the forensic  
16 data, the things that I would be interested in, did not  
17 exist.

18 Q. Does that old server continue to exist?

19 A. That is what I examined, sir. That's File\_01.

20 Q. Now, if I understand what you've said, you have examined  
21 no computers, made no inquiry.

22 Have you looked at emails --

23 A. I have not.

24 Q. wait a minute.

25 -- at any relevant time having to do with this report?

1 A. I have not, because we don't want to capture the report  
2 itself, sir, until we have some understanding of what we're  
3 allowed to do.

4 I simply looked at the artifacts of the system relating  
5 to what files would be stored on it.

6 Q. That's all right. Just so we're clear on this record,  
7 if there are emails amongst people, both inside and outside  
8 Gruber Hurst, relating to -- or dealing with this document,  
9 you didn't inquire of what those emails might say as to who  
10 got it, when they got it, and where they got it; is that  
11 right?

12 A. Not to date.

13 With the agreement that I would be allowed to do so even  
14 though it may contain a copy of the offending document, I  
15 would be happy to do so.

16 Q. Now, it's also true, is it not, that apparently, if I  
17 understand your chart, something happened on April the 28th  
18 of 2008 to this document and other documents.

19 A. They were migrated to a new disk. That's correct, sir.

20 Q. Just confirm for me that the documents that existed to  
21 include this report that were on this 500 gig server,  
22 whatever it is, I'm not a computer guy, were never deleted  
23 from the Gruber Hurst system. Is that your evidence?

24 A. I'm saying that in order for them to have been copied on  
25 April 28th by definition they could not have been deleted,

1 yes, sir.

2 Q. Now, why was it copied as opposed to deleted?

3 A. Well, I was informed by the IT person is that he copied  
4 it but didn't delete the old data -- because he didn't just  
5 copy this folder, he copied every Summation database.

6 Q. Who instructed him to copy it as opposed to delete it,  
7 if anyone?

8 A. And that's what I was trying to get to.

9 It was his decision of whether or not to delete the old  
10 version, since at that point they would no longer be using  
11 that disk. He chose to retain it in case something went  
12 wrong. He didn't reload the data on. He was worried about  
13 something going wrong in the process.

14 Q. What's the significance, if you know, on the date of  
15 April the 28th, 2008?

16 why -- why all of a sudden this was happening that day?

17 A. Well, the disk was attached on April 25th, 2008. That's  
18 when they formatted the volume, made it ready for use. They  
19 needed additional storage space. They were running out of  
20 storage space on the Summation server. So they attached the  
21 second two terabyte disk on April 25th, 2008. He performed  
22 the copy of data into the new location with more storage and  
23 made it available on April 28th of 2008.

24 Q. Well, are you aware of any significance of either -- to  
25 the dates of either April the 25th or April the 28th of 2008?



1 A. Not to my investigation, no, sir.

2 Q. Now -- now, this was 600,000 documents did you say?

3 A. That was just what was moved from the Securus\_Global\_New  
4 directory to the Securus - Combined directory. There's many  
5 more documents than that on the server.

6 Q. And the McAlexander report was just one of 600,000?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Did you make any inquiry as to what rest of 'em were?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. Or why they were all of a sudden copied as opposed to  
11 deleted?

12 A. Well, in this case, sir, this was -- the copy you're  
13 seeing there would be no deletion involved. This was a  
14 movement of data from one disk to another so that they would  
15 be available on a large volume so the firm could keep  
16 operating, and doing their review.

17 Q. Have you ever had any conversations with anyone about  
18 why this was done on April the 28th, as opposed to some other  
19 time?

20 Have you inquired?

21 A. I have talked to the IT person. They said they ran out  
22 of space, they got approval to buy the equipment and that was  
23 the day they did it.

24 Q. Have you talked to any of the lawyers at Gruber Hurst  
25 about why that date was the time that all this was done?

1 A. I informed them of the dates I discovered. They didn't  
2 tell me it was --

3 Q. Who did you tell?

4 A. I've told Mrs. Brown, I've told Mr. Magee, I told  
5 Mr. Mateja.

6 Q. Not only did you not look at emails that would refer to  
7 these documents, you looked at no attachments to emails. Is  
8 that right?

9 A. Absolutely correct.

10 Q. You referred -- you looked at no one's individual  
11 desktop to see what's on those desktops having to do with  
12 this report or documents -- other documents; is that right?

13 A. Since they were replaced in 2011 and we had a tight time  
14 frame I didn't see the relevance. I would be more than happy  
15 to go back today and look.

16 Q. Did you look at anybody's laptop?

17 A. No other computers, except for the ones I've discussed  
18 today, so that's File\_01, GHJHFS, and the desktop computer  
19 that Ms. Miller used.

20 Q. Did you ask to look at anybody's laptop?

21 A. I've asked for any other machines that were in operation  
22 prior to the 2011 change --

23 Q. Did anybody give you any?

24 A. They said they didn't think any existed --

25 Q. Whose the "they"?

1 A. Mrs. Brown, Mr. Mateja, Mr. Magee.

2 Q. So that we can't rule out, can we, based on the  
3 examination that you did, that not only did this document  
4 exist on this two -- two 2 -- this -- whatever this is, 2 TB,  
5 whatever that means, server, you can't rule out that it  
6 exists in almost any other place, laptops, desktops, cell  
7 phones, any organization outside of Gruber Hurst. You can't  
8 tell us that either, can you?

9 A. I can say that based upon my current investigation I can  
10 tell you based upon what I have reviewed and what had existed  
11 from that time frame. However, anything else as of today on  
12 any replaced machines, I would be more than happy to look,  
13 but, no, we have not reviewed those systems --

14 Q. Well, then I guess you can't tell us where else these  
15 documents might exist, other than these particular places  
16 that are on your chart.

17 A. Not without additional examination. That is correct,  
18 sir.

19 Q. Anybody asked you to do any more work in that regard?

20 A. I -- I limited the date range until the specific 2008,  
21 2010, 2009 time frame, because that's what I was interested  
22 in, is what happened to the data, was it ever -- when was it  
23 deleted, could I find any record to that, what other copy  
24 existed, how did it get produced. That -- that was the focus  
25 of my investigation.

1 Q. Looks to me like what you did was you looked for a  
2 document with the -- certain parameters that were supplied to  
3 you by Gruber -- Gruber Hurst. You looked for a name  
4 parameter and a Bates number, and those are your parameters  
5 to go do searching, right?

6 A. Without having to make a full copy of the server, which  
7 would again take a copy of the offending document, that's  
8 pretty much the limitations that I have, sir.

9 Q. You have no idea based on the examination that you made  
10 as to how many paper copies there were that were produced of  
11 this report and to whom they were disseminated; is that true?

12 A. Paper copies would be outside of the realm of my  
13 expertise, sir.

14 Q. I'm sorry?

15 A. I would not have any expertise in paper copies.

16 Q. For this record confirm for me at some point you learned  
17 that we were not -- our side took the position that we were  
18 not comfortable having people do anything that would damage  
19 the metadata -- metadata.

20 A. Of those documents, yes, sir.

21 Q. Okay. And what is metadata? What's the significance of  
22 that?

23 A. Metadata reflects information about the data by  
24 definition. Data about the data.

25 Q. Okay. Did you do anything -- I'm just interested in the

1 state of affairs today for purposes of further endeavors, did  
2 you do anything that would in any way disturb the metadata?

3 A. My procedures were such to make sure we did not effect  
4 any of the metadata on the disk --

5 Q. So if one had wanted to do anything to make a -- an  
6 examination of what information might be revealed by the  
7 metadata, that information continues to exist, right?

8 A. Not only exists but the metadata of the documents  
9 themselves have been captured as part of my investigation.  
10 The -- the master file tables, what contains the metadata for  
11 these documents, they're -- these are text documents and TIFF  
12 images. They contained no interior metadata themselves like  
13 an office document would so --

14 Q. If we -- I didn't mean to interrupt. I apologize.

15 A. As far as my understanding today there is no other  
16 additional metadata about those files other than what I have  
17 already captured and preserved.

18 Q. Well, if someone wanted to conduct an examination of the  
19 metadata would it tell us who created the file, how many  
20 copies were made of the file, where the file was sent, who  
21 got 'em, all of that?

22 would the metadata tell us that?

23 A. It would tell us who created it. That's one of the  
24 things logged is the owner of the file, so what user was  
25 logged in when the data was copied up. I have that number

1 but I was not able to look it up to a name, again, without  
2 access to the server.

3 As far as other copies, other things, I could do a hash  
4 comparison analysis to see if any other file exists without  
5 that data. But doing that, again, requires contents of the  
6 file. So there's a lot of limitations and restrictions on  
7 what you can do with just the metadata.

8 Q. I'm not suggesting that we're asking you to do these  
9 things. I'm just seeking information that if somebody wanted  
10 to look into what that metadata might tell us, would it -- it  
11 would tell us who produced it?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. Right?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Would it tell us how many copies had been made and  
16 disseminated?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Would it tell us where they went?

19 A. No. We would have to look at the systems that accessed  
20 the document to make the production and we would have to talk  
21 to the individuals who were involved.

22 Q. Other than -- other than the conversations that you told  
23 me you had with this IT person, did you -- did you talk to  
24 anybody else at Gruber Hurst at all about anything?

25 A. Again, Mr. -- Mrs. Brown, Mr. Magee. I had some

1 passing conversations asking for a key to the server room  
2 with Mr. Magee. But -- I've talked to Josh, the paralegal,  
3 to ask, you know, do you have any other, you know, is that --  
4 your computer has been replaced, Mr. Magee, and he said --  
5 and Mr. Magee represented to me that his computer from that  
6 time frame no longer existed.

7 Q. Well, --

8 A. I didn't have anyone else as far as I knew from that  
9 time period to ask any questions to.

10 MR. COOTER: Your Honor, given -- given the way  
11 this was disclosed to us I've done all I can do at this  
12 point. This is not normally how one would do -- conduct a  
13 cross-examination of an expert like this.

14 THE COURT: All right. Okay.

15 MR. COOTER: So what I would like to do is cease  
16 today. I'd like to -- well, I can tell you for sure that  
17 we're going to want to be heard further on this.

18 Having said that, that's probably as much as I can do at  
19 the moment.

20 THE COURT: Okay. Has everyone had a turn?

21 MR. LOWENSTEIN: I have no questions of this  
22 witness, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Okay. You may step down.

24 MR. MATEJA: May he be excused, Your Honor?

25 THE COURT: Yes.

1           How far do you think we'll get?

2           MR. MATEJA: We'll let Ms. Brown tell Your Honor.

3           MS. BROWN: Mr. Tautfest -- I can probably -- I can  
4 finish my part in 20 minutes probably. I can be as succinct  
5 as possible, but I'm sure that they will have some questions  
6 for him.

7           THE COURT: Of course.

8           Because it's going to take you about 20 minutes to get  
9 through your part, which would put me right at 2:00 and not  
10 give them an opportunity to bring the prisoners in, we're  
11 going to take our break right now.

12          And we're going to adjourn until 20 til 3:00.

13                       (Recess taken at 1:30.)

14                       (Proceedings resumed at 2:38.)

15          THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.

16          THE COURT: Please be seated.

17          Ms. Brown, you may proceed.

18          MS. BROWN: Thank you, Your Honor.

19                       (Witness sworn.)

20          MS. BROWN: May I proceed, Your Honor?

21          THE COURT: Yes.

22                       DIRECT EXAMINATION

23          BY MS. BROWN:

24          Q.    would you please state your name and spell your last  
25 name.



1 A. Eric Tautfest, T-a-u-t-f-e-s-t.

2 Q. Mr. Tautfest, you were employed during 2007/2008 by  
3 Gruber Hurst; is that correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you were a partner there?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What types of cases did you work on?

8 A. Patent cases.

9 Q. And I want to call your attention in specific --  
10 specifically to matters for Securus.

11 Is that a client that you represented while you were at  
12 Gruber Hurst?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And we've also heard T-Netix and Securus mentioned at  
15 the same time. Did you represent T-Netix while you were at  
16 Gruber Hurst?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I want to call your attention specifically to the Global  
19 Tel-Link case. Can you tell me generally what your  
20 involvement was in that case?

21 A. Sure.

22 I -- I came in. I joined the firm after that case had  
23 been filed. I came in and basically took over the day-to-day  
24 operations of that case on the plaintiff's side for Securus.  
25 We had a -- a number of defendants. We were asserting

1 several patents in that case. And it was pending in the  
2 Eastern District of Texas.

3 Q. You mentioned "several patents in that case." Is one of  
4 the patents one that you call the '323 patent?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And in conjunction with your representation of Securus  
7 in the Global case -- is it okay if I call it the Global  
8 case?

9 A. Sure.

10 Q. In conjunction with your representation of Securus in  
11 the Global case where the '323 patent case was involved did  
12 you become aware of some litigation that was ongoing that  
13 also involved the '323 case in the Northern District of  
14 Texas?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. What litigation was that?

17 A. That was the back case and also the '702 patent in  
18 involved.

19 Q. So both the '323 and the '702 patent?

20 A. To the best of my recollection it was both patents, yes.

21 Q. And when you say VAC you mean Value-Added  
22 Communications?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. And you understand them to be the movant in today's  
25 proceeding, correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Now, I want to talk to you about your involvement, if  
3 any, on behalf of Securus in the VAC case. Before I ask you  
4 some questions I want you to think about that mind set.

5 With respect to the two patents that you were talking  
6 about, '323 and '702, what is your understanding of how the  
7 prosecution of those patents related to the VAC case?

8 A. When you say "prosecution," in terms of the plaintiff  
9 prosecuting the suit as opposed to prosecuting applications  
10 that become patents --

11 Q. Correct.

12 A. -- I just want to make about that.

13 As far as prosecuting a patent case goes, from the  
14 plaintiff's side whenever you've got the same patent being  
15 litigated in another case or having been litigated  
16 previously, defendants are always going to want to know what  
17 positions are you've taken in those cases in case you take  
18 contradictory positions or something different than what your  
19 position you're taking in the current case.

20 So since those patents were being concurrently litigated  
21 in the Northern District of Texas we had a lot of  
22 coordinating to do. We would need to coordinate infringement  
23 positions, for example --

24 Q. And when you say "we," who do you mean?

25 A. Bell Nunnally and Pittman firm.

1 Q. Bell Nunnally and -- Bell Nunnally and the Pittman firm  
2 represented who?

3 A. They represented T-Netix in the VAC case.

4 Q. Okay. And then who is the "we" that coordinated in the  
5 Bell Nunnally and the Pittman firm?

6 A. Gruber Hurst firm.

7 Q. Okay. And so you were explaining the types of  
8 coordinated efforts that you would need to take. Could you  
9 explain that to the court?

10 A. Sure.

11 There's also been some discussion today about  
12 invalidity. Those issues were being coordinated. One of the  
13 things that we did was we prepped witnesses together. These  
14 are witnesses that would be produced by T-Netix in the VAC  
15 case would probably also be produced by Securus in the  
16 Eastern District case, the Global case.

17 Q. And just to break that down, so you're saying "we," I  
18 want the record to be clear: when you say "we prepared  
19 witnesses together," you mean counsel for Gruber Hurst along  
20 with counsel at Bell Nunnally and the Pittman firm would prep  
21 witnesses on behalf of Securus, your mutual client; is that  
22 right?

23 A. Yes. Thank you for clarifying. I just think of it  
24 working together collaboratively, so I just kind of think of  
25 "we" as a functioning unit for those purposes.

1 Q. And so -- and you obviously were retained by Securus  
2 initially at the outset to be involved with the Global case,  
3 correct, in their representation?

4 A. That's right.

5 Q. But at some point as you talked about witness prep,  
6 depositions, you expanded that -- the Securus retention was  
7 expanded and not just for the Global case but also include  
8 the VAC case?

9 A. Yes. We had the various issues that I mentioned  
10 previously that we had to coordinate. And my firm and the  
11 Bell Nunnally and Dick Pittman worked -- would work together  
12 to coordinate all of the issues in the case that were  
13 overlapping.

14 Q. And -- and -- and we'll get into this a little bit more  
15 in detail later, but you were -- you were not counsel of  
16 record in the VAC case, right?

17 You didn't enter an appearance?

18 A. I didn't -- that's correct. I had not entered an  
19 appearance.

20 Q. Okay. But in terms of having been retained by Securus,  
21 you represented Securus's interests in conjunction with the  
22 VAC litigation as well?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. As Securus's counsel?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. I want to talk to you, shifting gears a little bit,  
2 about obtaining the McAlexander report.

3 How did -- how is it that you came to receive the  
4 McAlexander report?

5 A. Naturally, the defendants in the Global case wanted to  
6 know -- wanted discovery on issues in the VAC case. And so  
7 we got requests for production. They wanted to know what  
8 kinds of -- what documents had been produced. They wanted to  
9 know interrogatory responses. They wanted depositions,  
10 expert -- they wanted everything from the VAC case.

11 Obviously, they wanted to see the positions that were  
12 being taken in that case as they compared to positions in the  
13 Global case.

14 Q. So the -- you felt like the McAlexander report was  
15 responsive to those discovery requests?

16 A. Sure. It's a -- it was a rebuttal report. I never read  
17 it myself, but -- never got to it, but it was a validity  
18 rebuttal report, so it was ostensibly -- I know Joe  
19 McAlexander. He was also a consulting expert in the Global  
20 case. His -- that report would have been a rebuttal to the  
21 defendant's invalidity expert report in that case.

22 So any position that Securus or T-Netix had taken  
23 regarding claims construction positions, infringement  
24 positions, validity positions, those are the kinds of things  
25 that the defendants in the Global case wanted to see.

1 Q. And you talked about knowing McAlexander. By which  
2 party was he retained in the VAC case?

3 A. Securities, T-Netix.

4 Q. So it was your client's expert report?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. And so you obtained it from which -- which firm?

7 A. From Bell Nunnally. I contacted Jeff Lowenstein. They  
8 put those -- those materials together for us.

9 Q. And I want to turn your attention to Exhibit Number 1.  
10 You can look in the black notebook, actually.

11 And if you would go to page 4.

12 And Exhibit Number 1, which is already admitted, it is  
13 the agreed protective order in the VAC case, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 MS. BROWN: And if you could, Bev, highlight  
16 paragraph 9.

17 Counsel.

18 BY MS. BROWN:

19 Q. Mr. Tautfest, I want to draw your attention to the  
20 definition of the term "counsel" in the agreed protective  
21 order. And I would like for you to look for me three lines  
22 down, where it says, "The term counsel shall mean only  
23 outside attorneys retained by the parties to work on this  
24 litigation." Do you see that language?

25 A. I do.

1 Q. Did I read it correctly?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. It further says that the term "counsel" includes,  
4 "supporting personnel employed by the outside counsel, such  
5 as technical advisors."

6 Do you see that language?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And did I read that correctly?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And is it your testimony before this court that you were  
11 retained by Securus to work on the VAC litigation?

12 A. Yes. Once we became aware that there were overlapping  
13 issues, absolutely, we were working on both litigations.

14 MS. BROWN: And then, Bev, if you could pull out  
15 paragraph 10, where we talk about technical advisors.

16 Page 4 of the same document, Exhibit 1.

17 BY MS. BROWN:

18 Q. About four lines down it starts to define the term  
19 "technical advisor." It says "The term technical advisor  
20 shall mean any outside person who is not an employee of the  
21 party." Do you see that language?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did I read that correctly?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. It further goes on, and I'm -- the document's in



1 evidence so I'm moving on and I want to ask you some  
2 questions.

3 It further goes on to define "technical advisory" as a  
4 consultant.

5 Do you see that at the bottom of page 4?

6 A. I do.

7 Q. And then if you go to page 5, the very top of the  
8 page --

9 MS. BROWN: And if you can do that plus paragraph  
10 11, Bev.

11 BY MS. BROWN:

12 Q. At the top of the page it says, "To consult concerning  
13 technical, financial, or other aspects of this case for the  
14 preparation or trial thereof."

15 Do you see that language?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. So "technical advisor" per this document includes any  
18 outside person who's a consultant and includes those who  
19 prepare for trial for the case for litigation?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Can you explain to the court whether or not the things  
22 that you were doing in the VAC case on behalf of Securus fell  
23 into that definition?

24 A. Sure. From our point of view we're clearly providing  
25 consulting services, or assistance, to help prepare the case

1 for trial. We had to coordinate all those issues. We spent  
2 a lot of time working together.

3 So I think in our minds it was very clear that we were  
4 helping -- we were helping each other prepare our mutual  
5 cases for trial.

6 Q. And -- and we don't have to go back to it, but when we  
7 talked about counsel, you also felt as if you fell into the  
8 definition of "counsel" as is in the protective order,  
9 correct?

10 A. Absolutely.

11 Q. Now, I want to look at paragraph 11 of the -- on page 5  
12 of Exhibit 1. Because it talks about "Should counsel for a  
13 receiving party find it necessary for maintaining, defending,  
14 or evaluating this litigation to disclose a producing party's  
15 confidential information or counsel eyes only confidential  
16 information to any of the persons described in paragraph  
17 10 --" paragraph 10 is technical advisor, right?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. "Counsel for the receiving party shall first obtain from  
20 such person or service written confidentiality agreement, in  
21 the form attached hereto as attachment A."

22 So that goes to the technical advisor, correct?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. Now, I notice, and I'll give you a chance to look  
25 through the document, a similar requirement for Exhibit A to

1 be executed for the counsel provision in paragraph 9.

2 Did you see any such language for counsel requiring them  
3 to execute Exhibit A?

4 A. No.

5 Q. So that Exhibit A as to the confidentiality only goes to  
6 the technical advisor --

7 A. That's my understanding --

8 Q. -- correct?

9 A. -- yes.

10 Q. Would you turn to Defendant's Exhibit 2, which has  
11 not -- I don't believe there's any objection but I want to  
12 make sure.

13 I think it's in.

14 Okay.

15 And do you have that?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. Okay. And so Defendant's Exhibit 2 is -- can you  
18 describe for the court what that is.

19 A. It's a -- my signature on a acknowledgement for the  
20 protective order.

21 Q. And -- and what date did you execute that agreement?

22 A. October 30th, 2007.

23 Q. And, Mr. Tautfest, can you explain to the court whether  
24 or not you had obtained documents from -- Securus documents  
25 from the VAC litigation before you had signed this

1 confidentiality agreement?

2 A. We did receive them before.

3 Q. And on what basis did you deem it was appropriate for  
4 you to have received those documents in the VAC case that you  
5 were working on with Bell Nunnally?

6 A. Because we were also counsel for T-Netix in the VAC  
7 case.

8 Q. Can you explain why it is that you later went and  
9 executed Exhibit 2?

10 A. Sure. I didn't -- I thought it was really sort of belt  
11 and suspenders. An issue had been raised as to whether or  
12 not we should have -- we should have received some  
13 confidential information and so went ahead and executed this  
14 acknowledgement.

15 Q. All right. And -- and just to jump back one additional  
16 area I don't think we talked about, you talked about  
17 invalidity contentions and deposition preparation, and I  
18 believe that there may have been some hearings that took  
19 place in both the VAC case and the Global case that you were  
20 preparing for.

21 Did you prepare for any hearings in conjunction with  
22 Bell Nunnally as part of -- as representing Securus in the  
23 VAC case?

24 A. For the Markman hearing specifically I can recall.

25 Q. And what types of things would you have done to prepare

1 for that hearing with the Bell Nunnally lawyers?

2 A. Markman is a -- it's named I believe after a 1996  
3 federal circuit case where the federal Circuit Court of  
4 Appeals ruled that construction of, in essence, what certain  
5 terms in a patent claim mean are issues of law and that the  
6 court should construe those prior to trial, construe those  
7 terms.

8 It's a very critical part of the patent case. And so we  
9 coordinated together on what terms we thought should be  
10 construed and how those terms should be construed.

11 Q. And in doing that did you also have any meetings with  
12 experts in preparing for those hearings?

13 A. In fact, we met with Joe McAlexander.

14 Q. I want to turn your attention to the hearing that took  
15 place before Judge Sanderson that we've talked about.

16 So you were present at that hearing, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And I want to -- I want to be clear for the court: Did  
19 you make any representation at that hearing to Judge  
20 Sanderson or anyone otherwise on the record about what you  
21 were going to do with the McAlexander rebuttal report?

22 MR. COOTER: Objection. You know, most of the  
23 leading is okay but at this point it's -- we're down to other  
24 things. So I object to the form of the question.

25 THE COURT: Overruled.

1 THE WITNESS: I did not.

2 BY MS. BROWN:

3 Q. In fact, I want to turn -- the transcript is in the  
4 white notebook, Mr. Tautfest. And it is at tab 2, I believe  
5 it's Exhibit 2 in the white notebook, which is the movant's.

6 A. Okay.

7 All right.

8 Q. And if you would turn to page 69 of Exhibit 2. Starting  
9 at line 5.

10 A. All right. I'm there.

11 Q. And I'm going to read what you are saying, Mr. Tautfest,  
12 starting at line 5. You say "That's correct, Your Honor.  
13 Your Honor, we have -- we do not have the confidential  
14 documents. What we have are discovery responses and accident  
15 reports."

16 I want to stop right there. Did you have any accident  
17 reports?

18 A. I think that's a typo. It would have been expert  
19 reports.

20 Q. Okay. So you had discovery responses and expert  
21 reports, correct?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. Okay. Let me keep reading. "But we still have those  
24 because we are working with Mr. Pittman and the Bell Nunnally  
25 firm on the overlapping issues and we help prepare the

1 witnesses. We are giving advice in that case and we've been  
2 asked to do that for our mutual client.

3 Can you identify for the court who that mutual client  
4 was that you were referring to?

5 A. Securus/T-Netix.

6 Q. And then you go on to say, "So we do still have those  
7 documents, Your Honor."

8 Do you see that language?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did I read your statements correctly that you made  
11 during the hearing on page 69?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And if we go on you'll see that the court then spoke,  
14 starting at line 14 and said, "I think the short answer is  
15 that needs to go back right now. If you and your firm want  
16 to formally enter an appearance as third counsel representing  
17 T-Netix in this case, then sobeit, but I think there are all  
18 kinds of confusions when you're here representing T-Netix or  
19 Securus in an Eastern District case so let's get that back  
20 right now."

21 Did I read that correctly?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Mr. Tautfest, the last thing I read to you before the  
24 court spoke was that "So we do still have those documents,  
25 Your Honor."

1 Did you have any further statements about having the  
2 documents or what you would do with them after the court made  
3 that statement on the record?

4 A. No, I did not.

5 Q. And why is it that you didn't further talk about what  
6 you were going to do with the documents at that point?

7 A. I wasn't -- I wasn't quite sure what we were going to do  
8 at that point. I was a little taken aback by the fact that  
9 he -- the judge was indicating that we were not counsel in  
10 the case, given the overlap and coordination of working  
11 together though we had done.

12 I also note, I don't know if this means anything, but on  
13 the very front of the transcript when I were turning to it  
14 just now it also has my name as counsel on the front of it.

15 So I wasn't sure what we were going to do at that point.  
16 That's why I didn't say anything. But I understood what he  
17 was saying, I just didn't know what we were going to do

18 Q. Right.

19 And so you had two choices per Judge Sanderson: You  
20 either were going to enter an appearance of counsel on the  
21 record or you were going to return the documents?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And what did you ultimately decide to do?

24 A. That same day we decided we would go ahead and return  
25 the documents to Bell Nunnally and destroy whatever else we



1 had in our possession.

2 Q. And as it relates to the Global litigation, once you  
3 returned those documents that you've testified are -- were  
4 responsive to discovery requests in Global, what, if any,  
5 conversations did you have with your opposing counsel in  
6 Global about those very documents that you returned?

7 A. So just to keep the timeline straight we had clawed back  
8 those documents much earlier before the hearing that we were  
9 just looking at and the defense counsel in that case were --  
10 they understood the issue but they also understood that those  
11 materials were discoverable and they wanted copies. They  
12 would respect the provision in the protective order that  
13 would allow us to claw back those documents. And so they --  
14 we had a great relationship with all of the defense counsel,  
15 so we didn't have any problems getting the documents back and  
16 all the defense counsel confirmed that they had deleted 'em,  
17 those documents, but they wanted to know when they would be  
18 able to get them.

19 And so I told -- I can recall at least one discussion  
20 with counsel for ICS, one of the defendants in our -- in the  
21 Eastern District case, that we would try to get from VAC  
22 redacted copies of the documents and produce those if we  
23 could. Otherwise, the defendants in the Eastern District  
24 case would have to subpoena those materials themselves.

25 Q. And I -- I do want to talk to you about the claw back.

1 I'm glad you brought that up.

2 So we talked about how you obtained the report. Under  
3 what circumstances was it that you ended up clawing back the  
4 report from the folks that you produced it to in the Global  
5 case?

6 A. Well, there's a protective order in the Eastern District  
7 case that has a claw back provision. It happens in almost  
8 every case I've been involved in. In fact, it happened in  
9 that case with the defendants as well, where they, at least a  
10 few of the defendants, had to claw back documents. It  
11 happens. There are cases with a lot of documents and things  
12 will inadvertently get produced. So it's fairly routine.

13 I -- I don't recall sitting here right now whether it  
14 was a letter I got from Stephanie Clouston or if Jeff  
15 Lowenstein at Bell Nunnally notified me that there was an  
16 issue, but it was very clear that there was a problem with --  
17 or that VAC had taken issue with us producing some documents  
18 in the Eastern District case. And so immediately, I think it  
19 was within 24 hours, we -- I sent out letters to all the  
20 defense counsel invoking the claw back provision of the  
21 protective order and asking that those documents be returned  
22 to us or destroyed and that counsel confirm that they were  
23 destroyed.

24 Q. And that claw back I think you testified was well before  
25 the hearing and that was before Judge Sanderson?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. So you decided that you were going to return the  
5 documents, I think we were talking about that.

6 So what actions did you take after the hearing once you  
7 made the decision to return the documents?

8 A. So I met with our team, it was a small number of people  
9 at the firm, but principally with Lisa Miller, our paralegal  
10 who was assigned to the case, and said, all right, here's  
11 what we've got to do, we've got to send back the originals to  
12 Bell Nunnally and we've got to get into Summation, get the  
13 documents off of there, get them off the system, and round up  
14 any copies anybody has and get them and delete them. And  
15 that's -- and so we did that. And Lisa went in and worked  
16 with the IT guy and deleted the -- the documents off of --  
17 out of Summation.

18 And so when she reported back to me that it had been  
19 done, everything was deleted, and that the originals were  
20 packaged up to be sent back before I sent back the letter  
21 to -- to Jeff Lowenstein confirming what we had done I pulled  
22 up Summation on my computer in my office, did a search for a  
23 couple of the documents. I think there are, you know, a  
24 couple of dozen documents listed on that. I think it's April  
25 16 is the date of the letter that I sent to Jeff Lowenstein

1 cataloguing the documents that we were sending back, searched  
2 for several of those documents, none of them came up. So I  
3 felt sure that they -- that those documents had been deleted  
4 from the system, signed the letter, and sent it to Mr.  
5 Lowenstein.

6 Q. You talked about instructions that you gave Lisa Miller,  
7 paralegal with Gruber Hurst at the time, to delete the  
8 Summation documents.

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Do you know exactly what she did to delete those  
11 documents or did you just give her that instruction?

12 A. I don't know exactly what she did because, frankly, I  
13 don't know exactly how all that is set up.

14 Q. All right. So Lisa would probably be a better person to  
15 talk about how she got rid of those documents from Summation?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. All right. I want to turn your attention to Exhibit 3.  
18 We're back in the black binder.

19 MS. BROWN: And if we could highlight the top part.

20 BY MS. BROWN:

21 Q. This looks like this is an email from you to several  
22 lawyers at Bell Nunnally and some other folks in the cc line;  
23 is that correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And this is at 6:00 p.m. on April the 16th, 2008?

1 A. Right.

2 Q. And that's the day of the hearing with Judge Sanderson,  
3 right?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. And what you say in this email is, "Jeff, pursuant to  
6 Judge Sanderson's ruling today, we sent over all documents  
7 received from your firm relating to the VAC case, except for  
8 the TN documents from T-Netix."

9 And what are the TN documents from T-Netix?

10 A. Those are actually -- TN is Bates number abbreviation  
11 prefix that meant those documents actually came from T-Netix.

12 Q. So those were not documents that were being -- were the  
13 subject of the hearing before Judge Sanderson?

14 A. That's correct. Totally different set of documents.

15 Q. And then you further say, "If the courier is unable to  
16 find someone at your office to accept the documents, due to  
17 the hour, he will bring them to you first thing in the  
18 morning."?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. So you sent this the very evening of the hearing to Jeff  
21 Lowenstein?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. Can you turn to Exhibit 4, please.

24 And GH Exhibit 4 is a letter from you to Jeff Lowenstein  
25 at Bell Nunnally dated April 16th, 2008?

1 A. Right.

2 Q. Okay. Again, the day of the hearing?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Now, I see the McAlexander report is number 2 on a list  
5 of 21 documents; is that right?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. So is it safe to say there were a number of documents  
8 that went back to Bell Nunnally?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And these were the hard copy documents?

11 A. That's correct. The originals we received from Bell  
12 Nunnally.

13 Q. And do you know what was done to gather the hard copies  
14 in the Gruber Hurst office that you sent back to Bell  
15 Nunnally?

16 A. Lisa had those. I never keep originals, because I'll  
17 lose 'em. So I always just deal with copies. And at that  
18 firm we use Summation, so I only look the documents in  
19 Summation.

20 Q. And did you task Lisa -- what did you task Lisa with,  
21 with respect to any copies of the documents that may have  
22 been in Gruber Hurst's offices?

23 A. Delete -- to shred them.

24 You mean physical copies?

25 Q. Physical copies, yes.

1 A. Shred those.

2 Q. Then your letter says, "Please be advised that we have  
3 deleted the above documents from our database and have  
4 destroyed all working copies as well."

5 It's the very last part of Exhibit Number 4.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And then it's signed by you.

8 Who drafted Exhibit Number 4 for you?

9 Did you draft that yourself?

10 A. Lisa drafted it.

11 Q. And the statements that are made in Exhibit 4, those are  
12 accurate and correct statements as to actions that you took  
13 for folks on behalf of Gruber Hurst to -- on April 16th,  
14 2008?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Is there any doubt in your mind, Mr. Tautfest, that  
17 action was taken to delete the documents from the database?

18 A. No. Because I went into Summation and confirmed that I  
19 could no longer access those documents, just to make sure  
20 that they weren't there.

21 Q. All right. If you'll turn to Exhibit 5.

22 And Exhibit 5 is a letter from Bell Nunnally to  
23 Stephanie Clouston, and it's dated April 17th, 2008. And  
24 that's the day after the hearing, right?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And Jeff Lowenstein says "Following yesterday's hearing  
2 in front of Judge Sanderson, we received from Gruber Hurst  
3 Johansen Hail all documents previously provided to GHJH  
4 subject to the protective order in the above-referenced  
5 matter."

6 And the "above-referenced matter" is the VAC case,  
7 correct?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. "GHJH has also confirmed that GHJH has deleted the above  
10 documents from its database and has destroyed all working  
11 copies of the documents. Please let me know if you would  
12 like me to send the documents to you or maintain them at our  
13 office."

14 Did I read that correctly?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So it's your understanding that Bell Nunnally was  
17 communicating with the VAC lawyers that they had gotten the  
18 hard copies back?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And they had confirmed with Gruber Hurst that the  
21 electronic copies were deleted?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. All right. And then on Exhibit 6 to follow, that's a  
24 letter dated April 18th, so the very next day Stephanie  
25 Clouston writes back to Jeff Lowenstein.



1           She says, "Dear Jeff: We have received your letter of  
2   April 17, 2008, notifying us that Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail  
3   has returned to you all copies of documents that contain any  
4   information designated by VAC as confidential under the  
5   agreed protective order. Please send all of these documents  
6   to my office at your earliest convenience."

7           And it's signed by permission by Stephanie Clouston.

8           Do you see that?

9   A.   Yes.

10   Q.   So it's your understanding that VAC understands the hard  
11   copies have been returned, the deletion has occurred, and  
12   she's now asking them to be returned to VAC?

13   A.   Yes.

14   Q.   And if you will turn to Exhibit 7.

15           Exhibit 7 is also dated April 18th, 2008. So Jeff --  
16   Neal Suit at Bell Nunnally writes back the very same day to  
17   Ms. Clouston. And he says, and tell me if I'm reading this  
18   correctly, "Per your request earlier today, I'm enclosing  
19   with this letter all of these documents returned to Bell  
20   Nunnally and Martin LLP by Gruber Hurst Johansen & Hail  
21   related to the above-referenced case, along with a letter  
22   from Eric Tautfest confirming the enclosed documents were all  
23   documents Gruber Hurst Johansen & Hail received regarding the  
24   VAC case. Should you have any questions, please do not  
25   hesitate to contact me."

1 Did I read that correctly?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And so Bell Nunnally has now to your understanding, and  
4 you're copied on this letter, sent the hard copies that you  
5 provided back to them over to VAC's counsel?

6 A. Right. Yes.

7 Q. So, Mr. Tautfest, and I know that you very vigorously  
8 argued to Judge Sanderson that you were counsel in the case  
9 and you had a right to receive these documents --

10 A. Right.

11 Q. -- but nonetheless you made the decision to provide them  
12 back. Right?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And why is it that you made that decision?

15 A. Well, we wanted to respect what the judge had instructed  
16 us to do, even though I had a -- a different view. But we  
17 felt there were other ways that we could possibly get those  
18 documents other than make an appearance and cause confusion  
19 in the case at that -- at that stage.

20 And so it was our intent, we knew these issues would  
21 come up again, our intent was to work with -- with VAC's  
22 counsel through Bell Nunnally to try to get redacted copies  
23 of those documents; otherwise, they would be subpoenaed. I  
24 mean, I think everybody knew that this issue was not going  
25 away in terms of the defendants in the Global case wanting

1 these documents and being entitled to them and so there would  
2 be -- if we couldn't get copies through the VAC they'd be the  
3 subject of a third-party subpoena.

4 So we felt that that -- that there were ways to deal  
5 with that document production issue. And so we decided to go  
6 that route.

7 MS. BROWN: Pass the witness, Your Honor.

8 CROSS EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. COOTER:

10 Q. Hello.

11 A. Hello.

12 Q. I'm Dale Cooter. We haven't met before?

13 A. We have not. Nice to meet you.

14 Q. Have you been in court all day?

15 A. I have. I've been sitting back there, waiting.

16 Q. Happy to have you.

17 A. Thank you.

18 Q. Now, it was your view when you first got these  
19 documents -- and we're just -- we'll focus on the McAlexander  
20 report just because it's the one that everyone talks about.

21 It was your view that you were authorized to get those a  
22 as counsel for T-Rex-- T-- whatever you call that thing.

23 A. T-Netix.

24 Q. Thank you.

25 T-Netix and Securus. Is that accurate?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. You considered yourself at the time to be bound -- when  
3 you got those documents, to be bound by the terms of the  
4 protective order; is that right?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And at the time that you first got the documents confirm  
7 for me that you hadn't executed anything like a  
8 confidentiality agreement, Exhibit A.

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. So you got the documents, you hadn't executed Exhibit A,  
11 and did you then take those documents and produce those to  
12 others in cases that you were dealing with?

13 A. We produced them attorneys eyes only to the defendants  
14 in the Global case.

15 Q. Okay. A completely different case, whether it be  
16 related or not, it was different, pending elsewhere, fair?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Now, and it's also true that at some point you learned  
19 that apparently Ms. Clouston or colleagues at Jones Day had  
20 some problems with the fact that you had, A, gotten the  
21 documents yourself, by "you" I mean Gruber Hurst, and, B,  
22 disseminated them in another case. Do you remember that  
23 coming up?

24 A. I'm not sure that I -- I don't mean to parse words but  
25 I'm not sure I understood that they were upset that we got

1    them ourselves, but my understanding was they felt that those  
2    documents should not have been produced in the Eastern  
3    District case.

4    Q.   And the -- an upshot of that was that Ms. Clouston and  
5    her colleagues filed a motion to hold T-Netix and Securus in  
6    contempt for violating the protective order; is that right?

7    A.   I don't know if it was Securus and T-Netix. I don't  
8    remember exactly. I think there were -- that was one of the  
9    issues brought up in that motion.

10   Q.   They were seeking to have the court here issue a  
11   contempt citation as to someone involving the misuse of those  
12   documents; is that right?

13   A.   As I understand it.

14   Q.   Now, there came a time, did there not, when the matter  
15   came on for hearing in front of Magistrate Judge Sanderson?

16   A.   Yes, sir.

17   Q.   And you were physically in attendance at that meeting,  
18   were you not?

19   A.   Yes, sir.

20   Q.   Why were you there if, I'm just curious, as a  
21   threshold?

22   A.   Well, there were a couple of reasons.

23       First of all, we had been subpoenaed to produce  
24   documents, as I -- as I -- as I recollect. And so I had  
25   produced some documents to Ms. Clouston, pursuant to the

1 subpoena that she gave us that I knew would be at issue in  
2 this --

3 Q. Speak up a little bit, if you would. I'm an old guy.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Speak into that microphone.

6 A. I'll just get closer to it. Forgive me, I've got a  
7 little bit of a sore throat.

8 Q. That's all right?

9 A. I can't talk as loud as I normally can.

10 We had produced documents pursuant to a subpoena that  
11 Jones Day had served on us, I mean, the Gruber Hurst Johansen  
12 Hail firm, when I say "we." And that Those documents were  
13 subpoenaed for that hearing, so I wanted to be there for  
14 that. Plus there were some allegations about documents that  
15 we had received that in -- in my view were clearly relevant  
16 in the Eastern District case and I wanted to know the  
17 deposition of that and to be available to speak if needed.

18 Q. Now, you've testified that at the time of this hearing  
19 you believed that you were subject to the provisions of the  
20 protective order, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And you expressed that view to Judge Sanderson?

23 A. Right.

24 MR. COOTER: What was the date of the hearing --

25 MS. MANGOLD: April 16th.

1 MR. COOTER: What?

2 MS. MANGOLD: April 16.

3 MR. COOTER: All right.

4 BY MR. COOTER:

5 Q. I proffer to you that the hearing was actually held on  
6 April the 16th. We have a transcript of it here, okay?

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. Now, was there anybody else there from the Gruber Hurst  
9 firm or was it just you?

10 A. Also an associate by the name of Michael Lang was there.

11 Q. And who is Mr. Lang?

12 A. He's an attorney at Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail.

13 Q. Okay. Now, at the hearing by some vehicle, I don't care  
14 what the vehicle is for right now, the view that you were  
15 counsel in this case, this -- the VAC case, was conveyed to  
16 Magistrate -- Magistrate Sanderson, right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Magistrate Sanderson didn't agree with that. Do you  
19 remember that?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. And the upshot was but you were contending in the view,  
22 notwithstanding what Magistrate Sanderson said, that you were  
23 counsel in -- in the case, right?

24 I mean, he didn't change your mind, did he?

25 A. I had my opinion but I respected the instructions that

1 he gave us.

2 Q. And he basically gave you two choices. He basically  
3 said, look, either give all those documents back or enter an  
4 appearance in the case. Right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And you elected to give all the documents back, as  
7 opposed to enter an appearance in the case?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. When I say "you" I mean Gruber Hurst --

10 A. I understand.

11 Q. -- right?

12 Now, at the time it's true, is it not, that Gruber Hurst  
13 was counsel, I don't care of record or otherwise, for both  
14 Securus and T-Netix?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Taking directions from Mr. Reinhold?

17 A. We worked some with Mr. Reinhold but also associated  
18 with general counsel Melissa Damin (phonetic).

19 Q. Now, once the decision was made to give all the  
20 documents back, get rid of the documents, was it part of that  
21 decision to purge the files, records, databases, at Gruber  
22 Hurst from each and everything -- each and every copy,  
23 electronic or written?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Now, and at some point -- when was that first -- when



1 was that decision communicated, if it was, to Magistrate  
2 Judge Sanderson?

3 A. I don't know that it was.

4 Q. When did you first make the determinations to do that?

5 A. To do what?

6 Q. Purge the files of these documents and records?

7 A. On April 16th, 2008, after the hearing.

8 Q. Now, it wasn't -- you don't think it was communicated,  
9 that decision communicated to the judge?

10 A. I don't know whether it was or not. I did not  
11 communicate that to the judge.

12 Q. Now, the way it went forward, it's not -- it's true, is  
13 it not, that on -- Magistrate Judge Sanderson issued a report  
14 and recommendation to the District Judge about contempt.  
15 You've seen that, have you not?

16 A. Yes. At the time.

17 Q. I proffer to you that that is dated, his report, April  
18 the 21st of 2008. Okay?

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. I'll -- I'll show it to you in the book if you -- you  
21 don't have to take my word for it.

22 A. I trust you.

23 Q. The report said whatever it said, was recommending a  
24 contempt.

25 And did you get the report when it was issued on or

1 about April the 21st?

2 A. I believe that I did.

3 Q. Did you read it?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Now, at that time had the documents been purged from  
6 Gruber Hurst?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. I want you to take a look at Exhibit Number --

9 MR. COOTER: Is this 5 now?

10 MS. MANGOLD: Yes.

11 BY MR. COOTER:

12 Q. -- Exhibit Number 5 in plaintiff's white book.

13 Have you got it?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. This is a letter from you to Mr. Lowenstein at Bell  
16 Nunnally dated April the 16th, the day of the hearing.  
17 Right?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Saying find all the documents.

20 And take a look at the last line of the letter.

21 It says, "Please be advised that we have deleted the  
22 above documents from our database and have destroyed all  
23 working copies as well."

24 Do you see that?

25 A. I do.

1 Q. It wasn't true, was it?

2 A. I believe it to be true. I don't know that it was not  
3 true.

4 Q. I'm sorry?

5 A. I don't know that it was not true. I believed it then.

6 Q. We're going to test that.

7 what was the process?

8 You're in court with the magistrate judge, you make a  
9 decision to delete the files, and how did you manage to  
10 accomplish all of that that very same day, where you say we  
11 have -- we have deleted the following documents from our  
12 database?

13 How did you -- how could you physically do it that same  
14 day?

15 A. These are electronic files, where all you have to do is  
16 hit the delete button and they're gone. It doesn't require  
17 physical effort to do that.

18 Q. Who did it, if anyone, on April the 16th, deleted  
19 everything from the database --

20 A. I instructed.

21 Q. -- so it didn't exist anymore?

22 A. I instructed Lisa Miller, our paralegal in the case, to  
23 do that. We may have had some discussion about working with  
24 the IT folks do that. I don't remember. But our documents  
25 were in the Summation database and those documents are put

1 into the database, the load files, so those load files would  
2 have to be deleted. And she understood that and she took  
3 care of it and confirmed to me that it was done. And I  
4 verified that that was done.

5 Q. How'd you -- how'd you go about verifying it that day?

6 A. Yes. I went to -- I pulled up the Summation program on  
7 my computer. It's a tool that we use to electronically view  
8 the documents on our screen and take notes, whatever, on  
9 those documents and be able to preserve that.

10 Searched for some of these documents to see if they  
11 would come up in the Summation database and they did not.  
12 And so I knew that they had been deleted.

13 Q. Okay. Now, if you take a look at Exhibit Number 6.  
14 This is the day after the hearing with Magistrate Judge  
15 Sanderson. There's a letter from Mr. Lowenstein to  
16 Ms. Clouston dated April the 17th, basically telling her that  
17 Gruber Hurst has -- has confirmed that you had deleted all  
18 the documents from its database, destroyed all working  
19 comments.

20 Did you -- did you see this letter at or about the time  
21 it went out?

22 A. I believe that I did. I don't see it cc-ed on the  
23 letter, but I -- I think I got a copy.

24 Q. Doing this chronologically, and the day after that, on  
25 April the 18th, Jones Day writes back to Mr. Lowenstein,

1     okay, whatever you have send over here at your earliest  
2     convenience. Have you seen that letter?

3     A.    Yes, sir.

4     Q.    On or about the 18th, when it -- when it came in?

5     A.    Yes, sir.

6     Q.    That same day somebody at Bell Nunnally sends another  
7     letter to Stephanie Clouston saying here are all the  
8     documents and these are all the documents Gruber Hurst  
9     Johansen and something, I can't read it, received regarding  
10    the VAC case. Do you see that?

11    A.    Yes, sir.

12    Q.    And attaching a copy of your letter, your first letter,  
13    of April the 16th to that effect?

14    A.    Yes, sir.

15    Q.    Now, the next thing chronologically that happens is on  
16    April the 20-- and I think it -- think I got this date right.

17           On April the 23rd -- excuse me, 21st, Judge Sanderson  
18    makes his recommendation to the District Court. And you read  
19    that.

20    A.    I did.

21    Q.    Now, in fact, as of April the 23rd -- April the 21st, on  
22    the day that Judge Sanderson made his recommendation to the  
23    District Court involving a finding of contempt, in fact, all  
24    the documents from the database had not been deleted at  
25    Gruber Hurst. Isn't that so?

1 A. I don't know that to be the case.

2 Q. You were here this morning and heard a forensic expert  
3 testify about when things happened?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. I call your attention to -- to Defendant's Exhibit 25.  
6 That's this chart. Let me show it to you.

7 MR. COOTER: May I approach the witness for a  
8 moment?

9 THE COURT: You may.

10 BY MR. COOTER:

11 Q. You saw that this morning?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. You remember these?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. It appears based on this forensic examination that the  
16 documents as of April the 23rd, the date of the magistrate's  
17 report had not been deleted, rather five days later, after  
18 the magistrate's recommendation to the District Court they  
19 weren't deleted, they were copied and moved. Isn't that  
20 so?

21 A. I don't know that to be the case, but I heard that  
22 testimony this morning, just as you did.

23 Q. Is that the first time you ever heard that?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Do you have any reason to doubt it?

1 A. I don't.

2 Q. Now, when did you leave Gruber Hurst?

3 A. In July of 2008.

4 Q. July of 2008. So shortly after these events that are  
5 depicted in this timeline?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And when you left Gruber -- where did you go, I'm just  
8 curious?

9 A. I went to the Ware firm.

10 Q. TO the what?

11 A. To the Ware firm.

12 Q. That's where you are now?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Okay. And when you left Gruber Hurst, did this case  
15 remain with -- these cases remain with Gruber Hurst?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Who took over for you?

18 A. I don't think anyone took over for me immediately.  
19 I think sometime thereafter Mr. Magee was hired.

20 Q. That wasn't until some years later, wasn't it?

21 A. No. I think it was later that same year.

22 Q. Okay. Well, in any event you didn't have an immediate  
23 replacement at Gruber Hurst to take over?

24 A. No, sir.

25 MR. COOTER: Your Honor, that's all I have of this

1 witness at this time.

2 MS. BROWN: I just have a brief couple of  
3 questions.

4 MR. LOWENSTEIN: I don't have any questions.

5 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. BROWN: I didn't mean to cut Mr. Lowenstein  
7 out.

8 MR. LOWENSTEIN: She just forgot about me.

9 MS. BROWN: I'm very selfish that way. I  
10 apologize.

11 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

12 BY MS. BROWN:

13 Q. A few questions.

14 Mr. Tautfest, I know you were shown Exhibit 25. Do you  
15 have any personal knowledge regarding how the system worked  
16 at Gruber Hurst with respect to the servers?

17 A. No.

18 Q. And when you left in July of 2008 did you have any  
19 reason to believe that the McAlexander report or any of the  
20 other documents that you had instructed to be deleted and  
21 that you had returned still existed in any form at Gruber  
22 Hurst?

23 A. I had no idea.

24 Q. And did you tell anyone when you left that you felt like  
25 those documents still existed at Gruber Hurst?



1 A. No.

2 Q. Do you have any reason to tell anybody that you thought  
3 they existed?

4 A. No. I thought they were -- I thought they were deleted.

5 MS. BROWN: No further questions, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Cooter.

7 MR. COOTER: I don't know if Mr. Lowenstein has  
8 anything.

9 THE COURT: Well, you're next and then him.

10 MR. COOTER: Okay. I have nothing either.

11 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Me either, Your Honor. Thank you.

12 THE COURT: You may step down.

13 MS. BROWN: Your Honor, may Mr. Tautfest be  
14 excused?

15 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. I'm assuming no one has  
16 any objection to that?

17 No one wants to go past today, right?

18 MR. COOTER: I want him to sit here all day. I  
19 have no objections.

20 (Laughter.)

21 THE COURT: Ms. Brown.

22 MS. BROWN: Yes. We now call Lisa Miller to the  
23 stand.

24 (Witness sworn.)

25 THE COURT: Have a seat.

## 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MS. BROWN:

3 Q. Could you please state your name for the record.

4 A. Lisa Miller.

5 Q. Ms. Miller, where were you employed during -- during  
6 2007 to 2009?

7 A. Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail.

8 Q. What position did you have there?

9 A. Paralegal.

10 Q. Do you still currently work for Gruber Hurst today?

11 A. No, ma'am.

12 Q. When did you leave?

13 A. January 2009.

14 Q. And while you were at Gruber Hurst what types of cases  
15 did you work on?

16 A. I had IP and then general litigation.

17 Q. And when you say "IP" you mean intellectual property?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you work on cases where Gruber Hurst represented  
20 Securus and T-Netix?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And, in fact, did you work on the Global Tel-Link case?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. In connection with the Global Tel-Link case, which  
25 partner did you primarily report to at Gruber Hurst?

1 A. Eric Tautfest.

2 Q. Now, while you were working on the Global case is what  
3 I'll call it for purposes of the record, is that okay?

4 A. Yes. That's what I call it.

5 Q. While you were working on the Global case on behalf of  
6 Securus, did you work with any other law firms in  
7 conjunction -- conjunction with Gruber Hurst's representation  
8 of its client?

9 A. I worked with Bell Nunnally a little bit, their  
10 paralegal.

11 Q. And can you explain to the court how it is that you  
12 worked with Bell Nunnally in conjunction with Securus's  
13 representation in the Global case?

14 A. When we were talking about getting documents back and  
15 forth I would work with her about -- I think it was during  
16 this time, about getting documents back and forth that way.  
17 And when we would move documents over to the storage shed,  
18 that was who I dealt with to get access.

19 Q. And what was your understanding as to the case that the  
20 Bell Nunnally case was handling for Securus?

21 A. It's been a long time. I knew they had a separate --

22 Q. What client -- who was adverse to them in that case?

23 A. Oh, VAC.

24 Q. And VAC is Value-Added Communications, right?

25 A. Yes, ma'am.

1 Q. Now, we've been talking about the McAlexander report.  
2 You've heard reference to that, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And have you ever read the McAlexander report?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Do you recall it being an issue in 2008 with respect to  
7 your representation of Securus?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And what is it that you recall the issue was?

10 A. I remember Eric coming back and -- or actually calling  
11 and talking to me when he got back from the hearing saying  
12 that we were going to be returning some documents.

13 Q. And when you say "the hearing," you mean the hearing  
14 that was before Judge Sanderson?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. In April of 2008?

17 A. Yes. We had already snapped back some things but, yeah,  
18 that's when I was told to start.

19 Q. And -- and tell me about your involvement in the -- you  
20 talked about snapping back.

21 Were you involved in producing documents in -- to the  
22 other parties in the Global case?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And do you recall producing documents including the  
25 McAlexander report to parties in the Global case?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Were you involved in the claw back of those documents?

3 A. In what type of involvement? I mean, I knew we were  
4 doing it, yes.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. I took part in a lot of those conversations.

7 Q. Okay. Did you attend the hearing before Judge  
8 Sanderson?

9 A. No, ma'am.

10 Q. So you said you talked to Mr. Tautfest after the hearing  
11 before Judge Sanderson. And what is it that you were  
12 instructed to do?

13 A. He told me that we were going to have to get all the  
14 documents out of any working notebooks and on the system and  
15 destroy it all. If there was copies get 'em in the recycle  
16 bin so they could be shredded and return -- delete all the  
17 electronic copies off the system and then return the  
18 originals back to him so that he could prepare a letter and  
19 have them returned over to Bell Nunnally.

20 Q. Okay. So as to the physical documents, the paper  
21 documents in your offices, can you explain to the court what  
22 it is that you did to gather up those documents to be  
23 returned?

24 A. Yes. We had working notebooks for each attorney. And  
25 so I went in their offices and just pulled the expert reports

1 of whatever document list I have. I put them all in -- I  
2 destroyed them in one area where you have a recycle bin and  
3 the other ones I took to Eric so he could return the  
4 originals. And then -- do you want me to go on about  
5 Summation?

6 Q. No?

7 A. Okay. We had them in notebooks.

8 Q. Is there any doubt in your mind that you covered the  
9 ground to look for those physical documents in the office to  
10 be returned?

11 A. No. I did that. I have no doubt.

12 Q. Who all was working on the case?

13 A. At that time me, Eric, Michael Lang. That would be the  
14 three main people that was working on it. I had help here  
15 and there.

16 Q. You had what, I'm sorry?

17 A. I had help here and there, but . . .

18 Q. Okay. So you gathered documents from your files,  
19 Mr. Lang's files, and Mr. Tautfest's file?

20 A. Oh, and Mr. Gruber. He always had a working notebook,  
21 whether he was involved in the meetings he always had a  
22 working notebook. So I went and got it out of his office as  
23 well.

24 Q. Was there anybody else in the Gruber Hurst office that  
25 was charged with or involved with collecting the physical

1 copies of the McAlexander report and other documents that you  
2 returned to Bell Nunnally?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Now I want to talk to you about the electronic copies of  
5 the documents. And -- and I'm talking about the McAlexander  
6 report because that's the one that people are focusing on.  
7 Is it your understanding there was a number of documents that  
8 you returned, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. So as to the electronic documents, what were the  
11 instructions from Mr. Tautfest in terms of returning or  
12 deleting those electronic documents?

13 A. He had just told me to make sure I got them off the  
14 system, if I need to talk to IT or whomever. And I worked  
15 with Summation and -- I knew how to go into the back end of  
16 it and get rid of documents or delete them out of the system  
17 and then delete them off Summation itself, purge and --

18 Q. So I want walk you through that process step-by-step.  
19 So you said you knew how to go into Summation and delete  
20 the documents. So what's the first thing you did in that  
21 regard?

22 A. I would have gone into the actual database that we had  
23 opened. And then you go in and you mark them. There's a way  
24 where you can just mark the documents. And then you say  
25 delete and it says purge, because that's the only way to get

1    them out of the actual database. If you just delete them  
2    they're still -- you can still see them. And then there's a  
3    back end that you go in the back way.

4    Q. Did you hit the purge portion?

5    A. Yes. And then you have to go in the back end of it also  
6    through the actual hard drive of the, like the C drive, S  
7    drive, might have been S. I can't remember what it was  
8    called over there. Then you go in and there are actual  
9    physical documents that are on the hard drive in folders  
10   labeled whatever numbers these are. You have to go in and  
11   actually hit manually delete and move them out of the  
12   folders. That way they don't reappear in the back end of it.  
13   So there's two processes to it.

14   Q. And so you performed --

15   A. I did both.

16   Q. -- performed both of those processes to delete the  
17   documents from the Summation database?

18   A. Yes.

19   Q. And we don't need to pull up Defendant's Exhibit 25  
20   unless you need to see it. But I think you heard testimony  
21   about a Summation database called Securus Global New?

22   A. Yes.

23   Q. Okay. And do you know what Securus Global New is?

24   A. I do not remember. That's not how we opened our case.  
25   It was called Securus Global.



1 Q. Okay. Were you involved in naming the database for --  
2 the databases for the cases that you were working on?

3 A. There were times, yes, there would be some cases if we  
4 pulled up we could name them ourselves as a paralegal.

5 Q. So as you are opening an original Summation database for  
6 a case where you're loading documents in and preparing them  
7 for review and production --

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. -- would it be your practice to name an original load  
10 with the nomenclature New?

11 A. No. I've never done that actually that I could ever  
12 recall.

13 Q. And as you were deleting the documents from the  
14 Summation database pursuant to Mr. Tautfest's instructions  
15 from the Securus Global case and returning them back to Bell  
16 Nunnally do you have any recollection as whether or not you  
17 were working in this New database that's referred to --

18 A. I do not.

19 Q. -- in Defendant's Exhibit 25?

20 A. I don't recall it being New.

21 Q. I want you to turn to Exhibit 4, if you would. Gruber  
22 Hurst 4.

23 Just briefly look at this. Is this a document that you  
24 drafted?

25 A. Yes, ma'am.

1 Q. And tell me the circumstances of your drafting Exhibit  
2 Number 4.

3 A. I had gotten a list from Eric of what I needed to pull.  
4 And so I just prepared the letter form, the cover letter.

5 Q. And if you can look at page 2.

6 MS. BROWN: And I want to go to and pull out,  
7 Bev, the very last sentence before the signature on page 2 of  
8 Exhibit 4.

9 BY MS. BROWN:

10 Q. And in this document that you drafted it states, "Please  
11 be advised that we have deleted the above documents from our  
12 database and have destroyed all working copies as well."

13 Did I read that correctly?

14 A. Yes, ma'am.

15 Q. Is that a sentence that you wrote in Exhibit Number 4?

16 A. I did.

17 Q. At the time you wrote this sentence were you the one  
18 that was responsible for deleting the documents from the  
19 database?

20 A. I was.

21 Q. And destroying all working copies?

22 A. Yes, ma'am.

23 Q. Did you have any concern that the statement made in  
24 Exhibit Number 4 was not an accurate representation?

25 A. No, I was not concerned at all.

1 Q. As you sit here today, knowing the actions that you  
2 took, are you confident that you deleted the copies that you  
3 knew to exist on the system, the Summation system in the  
4 Global case?

5 A. Yes, ma'am.

6 Q. And are you confident that you gathered all the physical  
7 copies of the documents that were to be returned to Bell  
8 Nunnally?

9 A. Yes, ma'am.

10 Q. I think -- remind me when you left Gruber Hurst,  
11 Ms. Miller?

12 A. January 2009.

13 Q. Okay. January 2009.

14 And when you left Gruber Hurst in 2009 did you have any  
15 concern that the McAlexander report or other documents still  
16 existed in physical or electronic form at Gruber Hurst?

17 A. No, ma'am.

18 Q. Did you communicate to anyone that you thought they  
19 might exist at that time?

20 A. No.

21 Q. And do you know who worked on the case after you, once  
22 you left?

23 A. No, I do not.

24 MS. BROWN: Pass the witness.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Lowenstein, got anything?

1           You're next.

2           MR. COOTER: May I proceed?

3           THE COURT: Yes.

4                           CROSS EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. COOTER:

6 Q. At the time -- I want to focus your attention on the  
7 month of April of 2008. well, I'll tell you what, let's back  
8 up.

9 I want to talk about the structure of this computer  
10 system that was in existence at the time at Gruber Hurst.

11 There -- there were one or more servers, right?

12 A. Not early that I recall, no.

13 Q. well --

14 A. That I know of. I don't know how all the servers were  
15 operating.

16 Q. Okay. There was a -- there was a database that  
17 everybody had access to, and I suggest to you was probably  
18 called the S drive. Do you recall an S drive there?

19 A. I recall that sounds familiar, an S drive.

20 Q. And an S drive was a drive in a -- was a drive in a  
21 server somewhere from what -- that anybody in the law firm  
22 could access for common documents, right?

23 A. It was where our document depository was.

24 Q. All right. Now, you've made reference to a Summation  
25 database. Is the Summation database synonymous with the S

1 drive?

2 A. I thought the Summation database was the S drive, but  
3 maybe -- I could be wrong.

4 Q. Well, Summation -- Summation is a litigation management  
5 piece of -- litigation management software, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. If people are writing emails back and forth out of the  
8 Gruber Hurst law firm at the time they -- a copy of those  
9 would reside on the S drive. It didn't have anything to do  
10 with Summation. Is that right?

11 A. Correct. It would have nothing to do with Summation.

12 Q. So Summation is a completely different tool than the  
13 global S drive tool available to everybody in the law firm,  
14 right?

15 A. Summation is a completely different drive than just our  
16 normal working station type --

17 Q. Now, in addition to that--

18 A. -- program.

19 Q. -- the -- I suspect that the -- and you can confirm this  
20 for me, part of this I'm doing because I know how my place  
21 works, there are desktops that the paralegals and the lawyers  
22 have, and on those desktops there are drives called C drives?

23 A. True, yes.

24 Q. And the C drive enables anybody in the law firm to get  
25 into the S drive, take the document, copy it to their C

1 drive, if they want to work on one or more documents, right?

2 A. Yes. If that's --

3 Q. Happens all the time, doesn't it?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Now, if I understand what you've told us, you went to  
6 purge Summation, right?

7 You didn't make a total purge of the S drive, or purport  
8 to. Is that right?

9 A. Yes. I did not go on the S --

10 Q. You did not do that. And you're not aware of anyone  
11 else who did that, are you?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Now, at the time in April of 2008 how many people -- and  
14 by "people" I mean the paralegals, I don't care about the  
15 billing department --

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. -- how many paralegals and lawyers were working on these  
18 cases for Securus T-Netix?

19 A. We had our team and then I did have some -- we had other  
20 paralegals --

21 Q. I'm sorry?

22 A. We had our team, which was me, Eric and Michael, and  
23 then Mr. Gruber was -- of course, oversaw everybody or  
24 reported to him at the end, but we would have other  
25 paralegals, if I got really busy on something I would have

1 another paralegal help me. It just depends. You just kind  
2 of ask around at that point to help out, but . . .

3 Q. So you were -- you were -- you were on the team.

4 A. I was primarily responsible.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. It was my responsibility, yeah.

7 Q. And Michael, who is Michael?

8 A. Maybe Lang, he was an associate there, or was when I was  
9 there.

10 Q. He was on the team.

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. Mr. Tautfest was on the team.

13 A. He was.

14 Q. Did I mispronounced that?

15 I apologize to him.

16 And Mr. Gruber.

17 A. Yeah, Mr. Gruber was.

18 Q. He also had a function in connection with this  
19 litigation, did he not?

20 A. Yes, he was -- I mean, it was his case. He was  
21 origination, but . . .

22 Q. Now, confirm for me that to your knowledge at the time  
23 that these statements were being made that everything had  
24 been deleted no one had made a search of anyone's C drive.

25 A. I did not personally go to everybody's C drives.

1 Q. well, did anyone make a search of anyone's C drive --

2 A. Not that I'm --

3 Q. -- to see whether or not the individual lawyers had the  
4 documents on their desktops?

5 A. I did not. And I did not ask that.

6 Q. Indeed, confirm for me, I'm a betting man, that some of  
7 these lawyers in addition to the desktop had laptops.

8 A. We had a firm laptop. I don't know if they had personal  
9 laptops.

10 Q. The -- okay. Let's take firm laptops. Who had a firm  
11 laptop?

12 A. We had one and I would check it out if we had a hearing.

13 Q. Do you know if anyone made an inquiry or attempt to see  
14 if these desktops -- excuse me -- these documents existed on  
15 anyone's laptop?

16 A. I'm trying to think if I would have grabbed the laptop  
17 or not. I don't recall.

18 Q. Was there one laptop for the whole firm?

19 A. I just used one for us. I don't know if they had them  
20 for different sections.

21 Q. Well, do you know whether or not the lawyers -- do you  
22 know whether or not the lawyers had their own laptops,  
23 whether they were issued by the firm or themselves?

24 A. I wouldn't know. I don't know.

25 Q. Did anyone make inquiries as to whether any of these



1 documents existed on a laptop?

2 A. I do not recall that one.

3 Q. Just to show you how up-to-date I am, and for no other  
4 reason, anybody check the cell phones? You can keep these  
5 things on cell phones now.

6 A. I did not ask about cell phones.

7 Q. Okay. That's fine.

8 Now, whatever happened here happened. And you left.

9 When did you stop working on the Securus T-Netix -- T-Netix?

10 A. Whenever the settlement -- I worked on it up until I  
11 left. So whenever the settlement and everything was done, I  
12 handled the case all the way through the settlement agreement  
13 or I was involved until that part.

14 Q. Did you have any interface with -- about this problem  
15 with the what was alleged to have been misuse of confidential  
16 documents with anyone at either at Securus or T-Netix?

17 A. Did I have -- I did not speak with clients about it,  
18 no.

19 Q. Do you know if anyone else did at Gruber Hurst, actually  
20 talk to the people at Securus or T-Netix about this alleged  
21 problem?

22 A. I do not know.

23 Q. And when you -- you left in '09 you say?

24 A. January 2009.

25 Q. And are you still a paralegal somewhere?

1 A. No. I'm an executive director of a law firm.

2 Q. You're what?

3 A. I'm an executive director of a law firm.

4 MR. COOTER: My condolences to you, ma'am.

5 I have no further questions. Thank you.

6 MR. LOWENSTEIN: No questions, Your Honor.

7 MS. BROWN: Nothing further from me, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: You may step down.

9 MS. BROWN: And may this witness also be excused?

10 THE COURT: Any objection?

11 MR. COOTER: No.

12 THE COURT: You may be excused.

13 Thank you.

14 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, at this time Gruber Hurst  
15 will called Mr. Tony Magee to the witness stand.

16 (Witness sworn.)

17 THE COURT: Please have a seat.

18 Thank you.

19 Whenever you're ready.

20 DIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. MATEJA:

22 Q. Tony, could you introduce yourself.

23 A. My name is Anthony Magee.

24 Q. And you're not from these parts originally?

25 A. Not from these parts originally.

1 Q. Where are you originally from?

2 A. I'm from Glasgow, Scotland.

3 Q. All right. And how long have you been in the States?

4 A. About 20 years.

5 Q. All right. And during this entire time that you've been  
6 in the States has it been as a lawyer?

7 A. Well, when I first came I was a barrister, but I -- I  
8 trained to be an attorney, took the bar exam. So I didn't  
9 become an attorney until a little bit later.

10 Q. All right. And when you moved to the States did you  
11 move into this area?

12 A. Yes. Lived in Dallas ever since I got here.

13 Q. And, just briefly, could you recount for the judge which  
14 firms that you've worked while you've been here?

15 A. Yeah. I joined McKool Smith in July of 1993. And I  
16 left there on the Labor Day of 2008.

17 Q. All right.

18 A. And then I started at Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail on  
19 September 2nd, 2008, which is the day after Labor Day.

20 Q. All right. So everything that we've heard about in  
21 connection with the VAC case, the 2008 VAC case, was over and  
22 done with by the time that you got to Gruber Hurst?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. Okay. And when you came to Gruber Hurst, I mean, I  
25 guess you didn't come to work on that case because it was

1 over and done with, right?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. At some point in time though you do begin to represent  
4 VAC --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- while you're working at Gruber Hurst; is that right?

7 A. Not VAC.

8 Q. Not VAC. I'm sorry.

9 T-Netix/Securus?

10 A. That's right.

11 Q. Okay. And when is that, roughly?

12 A. I'm trying to remember the first time. I know they were  
13 a client of the firm. They were one of Mr. Gruber's clients.  
14 And I do know that we worked on a number of cases.

15 The ones that I can remember filing where I took it from  
16 the beginning was the Combined case and the Pinnacle case,  
17 and they were both filed very close together in -- in  
18 September of 2009.

19 Q. Okay. September and maybe even October? Was one filed  
20 in one month and the other in the other?

21 A. I think Combined was probably filed in September and  
22 Pinnacle in October.

23 Q. And let me just ask this general question.

24 When you came on board at Gruber Hurst, I mean, were you  
25 kind of fulfilling a role that was needed at that time?

1 A. Yeah. They asked me to come over and head-up the IT  
2 section.

3 Q. So back to your representation of T-Netix and Securus,  
4 you filed the Combined cases, you filed the Pinnacle cases.  
5 That's roughly in the fall of which area again?

6 A. 2009.

7 Q. All right. And at some point in time is there discovery  
8 requests that are served by the opposing parties in those  
9 cases?

10 A. Yes.

11 In June of 2010 we received a request for production  
12 from Combined in the Combined case.

13 Q. All right.

14 A. And I think we had already received requests for  
15 production from Pinnacle, too.

16 Q. At this point in time have you ever heard of the  
17 McAlexander report?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay. Had you ever heard that there was a contempt  
20 proceeding that related to the McAlexander report?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Were you aware of any kind of findings that might have  
23 been made by Judge Sanderson in connection with that  
24 report?

25 A. No, I didn't know.

1 Q. Okay. You had never heard of the report?

2 A. I don't think I had heard of Jerry [sic] McAlexander.

3 Q. Okay. Okay. So discovery gets served in those cases.

4 And I guess I'm going to turn your attention to the  
5 black binder, which are Gruber Hurst's exhibits.

6 And let's take a look at Exhibit Number 8, which has  
7 already been introduced and admitted.

8 And this is defendant's first set of request for  
9 production. And this is -- just happens to be the Combined  
10 case; is that correct?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. And, likewise, there were discovery requests in the  
13 Pinnacle case; is that correct?

14 A. Yeah, I believe that's correct.

15 Q. So tell me what your thinking is, Tony, as far as trying  
16 to respond to this first set of requests for production of  
17 documents in the Combined case. And, likewise, in the  
18 Pinnacle case.

19 How are you going to go about responding to these  
20 requests?

21 A. Well, I obviously worked with my team. There's 51  
22 document requests so this is a significant undertaking.

23 Q. All right.

24 A. So I obviously wanted to figure out what are we going to  
25 being producing, where are we going to be getting it from.

1 But one thing I -- I did understand that there had been  
2 previous litigations, patent litigations that T-Netix and/or  
3 Securus had filed. And I knew that -- I suspected there had  
4 been document productions in those prior cases. So I was  
5 interested to know what -- what productions had been made in  
6 the prior cases.

7 Q. Do the cases relate to similar patents?

8 A. Well, I didn't work on the Global case but I did  
9 understand that there was an overlap between the patents that  
10 were being asserted in the Combined and the Pinnacle case and  
11 earlier cases that had been filed, including the Global case.

12 Q. Okay. So based and armed with that information, what do  
13 you do next in terms of responding to the discovery  
14 requests?

15 A. Well, I thought it would make sense to -- rather than  
16 reinvent the wheel, because of the overlap in patents and the  
17 likelihood that the documentation had been produced in the  
18 earlier case by the Securus parties that would be pertinent  
19 to my case that we would try to reproduce what we had already  
20 produced in the -- in the Global case, because a lot of  
21 effort had gone into gathering it, collecting it, and viewing  
22 it, processing it, Bates numbering it, and producing it.

23 That seemed to me that would be a very proficient way to  
24 deal with the production in these two cases. That wasn't the  
25 whole thing. Because also there was documents that were

1 specific to the Combined case and specific to the Pinnacle  
2 case and we were working on gathering those two. So it was  
3 part of a three part process.

4 Q. Okay. But at least as to one of the parts you thought  
5 that it made sense to not reinvent the wheel, basically  
6 gather the documents that had been produced in the Global  
7 case and then essentially reproduce those in connection with  
8 Combined and Pinnacle?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Okay. And is that what you did?

11 A. That is what I did.

12 Q. Okay. So why don't you tell the court, if you will what  
13 it is you instructed -- what did you do to make that happen?

14 A. The first thing was to locate the Global production. So  
15 I -- my paralegal at the time was Josh Ellis. He had been at  
16 the firm for a short period of time.

17 Q. It wasn't Lisa Miller?

18 A. No, Lisa had already left.

19 Q. Did you know Lisa?

20 A. Oh, I knew Lisa. I worked with here for a few months.

21 Q. Did you find her to be a good worker?

22 A. Yeah. I was sorry she left. I thought she was a very  
23 competent paralegal.

24 Q. Okay. And so since Lisa's gone you're working with  
25 Josh?



1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What do you do with Josh?

3 A. Well, I asked Josh if he could find the Global  
4 production.

5 And so he went away and tried to find it. And he  
6 reported back to me that he couldn't find the Global  
7 production anywhere in our system.

8 So that obviously presented a bit of a glitch in my plan  
9 of efficiency. So I -- you know, I'm a bit dogged sometimes,  
10 so I thought I'm not going to give up at the first hurdle.  
11 Maybe somebody else has them, maybe the document vendors that  
12 had been used previously on the Global case might have them.  
13 So I asked Josh to get in touch with them.

14 And the firm in question that I knew of was called  
15 Equivalent Data. So Josh contacted Equivalent Data to see if  
16 they had the document.

17 And they couldn't find them in their whatever system or  
18 archives they had.

19 Q. Okay. But Equivalent Data is looking in their system  
20 for the production in the Global matter; is that correct?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. Okay. So but they're not necessarily looking at what  
23 y'all might have on your computer system; is that correct?

24 A. No. They're looking at their end.

25 Q. All right.

1 A. Josh had already are reported to me that he couldn't  
2 find the documents in -- in our system.

3 Q. Okay. And so what do you do next?

4 A. Well, I talked to a couple of guys at Equivalent Data.  
5 We threw around some ideas. And there was a guy I talked to  
6 called Chip Coons (phonetic) who said, well, we have an  
7 archive, we could maybe open it up and take a look.

8 And so I wanted to know what that would cost because  
9 when people start talking about opening up archives that's  
10 almost like opening up somebody's wallet, too. So I wanted  
11 to know what it would cost.

12

13 Q. Right?

14 A. And he told me it would cost one or two thousand  
15 dollars. I thought that would be a good investment.

16 I said go ahead, open up the archive and let's see what  
17 in there.

18 So he opened up the archive and discovered some  
19 documents that had been produced in the Global case but only  
20 a small fraction. The vast bulk of what I was looking for  
21 was not in there

22 Q. And so since we couldn't find it in Archives, what did  
23 you have to do then?

24 A. Well, what happened, I think this was about on the 4th  
25 of August, is that Josh and the guys from Equivalent Data put

1 their heads together to figure out if there was some strategy  
2 for finding these documents.

3 And what -- what Equivalent Data suggested was if we  
4 could find the volume IDs for these documents that had been  
5 produced in the Global case maybe that would give us some  
6 data with which to go back to our archive and have another  
7 look to see if we could find what you're -- what you're  
8 asking for.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. And so two guys from Equivalent Data and Josh got  
11 together by a thing called Go To Meeting, which is a -- I  
12 think -- it's a system where you can invite somebody to come  
13 onto your computer.

14 Q. All right.

15 A. And they can either just watch or they can take control  
16 of your keyboard and they can look around, you know, they  
17 could demonstrate something. Or there's various things you  
18 can do once you're on somebody's computer.

19 But the purpose of that, as I understood it, was to  
20 enable Equivalent Data to see if they could find the volume  
21 IDs.

22 Q. All right. And so does in fact this happen?

23 Is there a Go To Meeting that's conducted between your  
24 firm and Equivalent Data?

25 A. There is. And Josh came and reported to me later that

1 rather than find the volume IDs the Equivalent Data guys  
2 actually were able to find the entire Global production.

3 Q. All right. And so they were successful, right?

4 A. Yes. At the time it seemed like a good thing.

5 Q. Okay. In hindsight -- of course you don't have to  
6 answer that question, (laughter) and so they find it. And so  
7 what happens then?

8 A. Well, what they found was the -- the images -- and I  
9 think David Cowen talked about this a little earlier. You  
10 have a TIFF file and a text file. So basically when you make  
11 a production, an electronic production for the use of  
12 something like Summation or any other kind of document  
13 management system, you create a vast body of images and you  
14 have -- and they're single page images and they have the --  
15 what's called the TIFF --

16 Q. Yes?

17 A. -- and they have the text.

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. And then they have -- but there's thousands and  
20 thousands and thousands of them. In this case there were  
21 hundreds of thousands of them.

22 And so the challenge is, well, you've got all these  
23 single page TIFFs, how do you know what is and isn't a  
24 document.

25 So you also have what's called a load file. And the

1 load file is a sort of computer program that can take all  
2 those TIFFs and because of the data embedded in it can say  
3 this hundred images are of that document and go pull them in.

4 So that was my first document.

5 This hundred doc images are the second document. It's a  
6 way of pulling them into documents so when you load that all  
7 up on your computer system you can start looking at them as  
8 documents rather than just as individual pages.

9 So --

10 Q. It sounds like quite an elaborate process?

11 A. It is somewhat elaborate. And I've come to learn more  
12 and more about it, you know, through working on electronic  
13 discovery.

14 But the key thing, and the reason I mentioned that was  
15 that what the Equivalent Data guys discovered were not only  
16 were the images there but the load files were there, too.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And so --

19 Q. That helps, right?

20 A. It helps. Because you don't have to create all those  
21 files, it's already there.

22 So what their advice to us was, look, all you need to do  
23 is take all those files and the load files and the images and  
24 basically put them on a hard drive, send them off to your  
25 opposing counsel and there's your document production.

1           It seemed like a perfect solution.

2       Q.    Is that what you did?

3       A.    That is what we did.

4       Q.    Okay. And who actually -- did Josh --

5       A.    Well, yeah, Josh is the paralegal, he did the mechanics  
6       of it working with Equivalent Data.

7       Q.    Okay. At this point in time do you know about the  
8       McAlexander report?

9       A.    No.

10      Q.    Okay. So external hard drives are sent to Combined's  
11      counsel and Pinnacle's counsel, which basically has on it the  
12      Global production from that prior case?

13      A.    Yes. It has that but also as I said earlier there was  
14      other stuff we were gathering, case specific documents, they  
15      were also produced.

16      Q.    Okay. Now, I want to talk about some of the other kind  
17      of very specific things.

18           We've seen -- and I think you've had a chance because  
19      you were in the courtroom, but you saw a letter that Demarron  
20      Berkley, who was an associate in your law firm, that he had  
21      sent to VAC's CEO. Do you remember that letter?

22      A.    I do.

23      Q.    Okay. And that letter, just for everybody's  
24      recollection sake, is Exhibit Number 9, Gruber Hurst 9.

25           And so let's just pull that up very quickly.

1 And this letter, Tony, tell us -- explain what this is  
2 all about.

3 A. Well, this is one of a series of letters, because I knew  
4 that T-Netix and Securus had been involved in multiple  
5 lawsuits and they had been involved in multiple settlements.  
6 And so what tends to happen is every time we have a lawsuit,  
7 opposing counsel wants to see copies of any settlements that  
8 are reached in the previous lawsuits.

9 And the reasons they want to see that is that --

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. -- it's relevant to damages issues. It's one of the  
12 Georgia-Pacific factors.

13 If the court is trying to determine what the damages  
14 ought to be there's a case out there called Georgia-Pacific  
15 which sets forth the relevant factors.

16 One of the relevant factors would be have these patents  
17 been licensed previously and if so on what terms, in terms of  
18 the royalty rate, what's a previous royalty base, et cetera,  
19 et cetera.

20 So defendants in patent cases are always interested in  
21 seeing copies of licenses given in other cases.

22 Q. Okay. And so is Exhibit Number 9 basically some of the  
23 diligence that has to be done in order to garner that  
24 information?

25 A. Well, I believe that Combined had specifically asked for

1 copies of licenses in their document production.

2 Q. And in fact you and I have looked at the request for  
3 production of documents and we saw that somewhere amongst  
4 those 50 plus requests?

5 A. I think it's Number 25 --

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. -- and 26, but I may be wrong.

8 Q. Okay. So, now, in addition to getting settlements and  
9 license agreements, are there other things that you need to  
10 focus on getting from other parties?

11 A. Well, there was another thing that I thought we needed  
12 to get hold of because there had been prior lawsuits.

13 The -- I think it's requests 13 and 14 in the Combined  
14 requests were asking about prior art.

15 And I think you put that up on the screen earlier.

16 You know, as I read the way that was phrased, 13 and 14,  
17 particularly where it said "or has been asserted to be prior  
18 art," that if there had been any invalidity contentions  
19 served in any prior suit that those invalidity contentions  
20 would be responsive to those requests.

21 So I was interested in tracking down whether there were  
22 any prior invalidity contentions in either Global or VAC.

23 Q. All right. To that end I want to turn your attention to  
24 what has been marked as Gruber Hurst Exhibit 10, which is  
25 previously admitted.



1 And against the backdrop that you've sent the external  
2 hard drives, you're trying to get license and settlement  
3 agreements, you're trying to get invalidity contentions,  
4 let's take a look at this email.

5 MR. MATEJA: And let's blow up the first three  
6 paragraphs.

7 BY MR. MATEJA:

8 Q. And, Tony, I'm just going to read this. Tell me if I  
9 read it wrong. But this is an email from Christina Ryan at  
10 the Stites Harbison firm that is representing Combined at  
11 that time. It's dated Thursday, August the 19th.

12 It's an email to you. It says, "Dear Tony, I have left  
13 two voicemails requesting that you contact me to discuss  
14 pending discovery matters in this case. Due to the  
15 time-sensitive nature of these issues, I am following up via  
16 email in the hopes of receiving a quick reply."

17 "First, T-Netix identifies or refers to various  
18 responsive documents in its responses to CPC's requests for  
19 production numbers 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 26, 32, 37, 45, and  
20 46, and CPC's interrogatories numbers 3 and 5.

21 "These documents relate to patent invalidity and  
22 unenforceability or are agreements related to the patents in  
23 suit. Accordingly, they are highly relevant to the claims  
24 and defenses at issue in this litigation."

25 So I read that right, correct?

1 A. You appear to have done it.

2 Q. I mean, is this exactly what we were talking about  
3 before, vis-a-vis agreements and invalidity contentions?

4 Is this the kind of stuff she's referencing?

5 A. That's not what I understood it to be.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. And about these licenses, I think perhaps one thing I  
8 should mention is that they typically do have a  
9 confidentiality provision in them.

10 Q. All right.

11 A. And so you wouldn't want to turn them over without  
12 contacting the other party to those agreements to get their  
13 consent.

14 Q. Okay. But in any event, she's following up with you  
15 because these were documents that she believes she's  
16 requested in her request for production; is that correct?

17 A. That's right.

18 Q. And the next paragraph, which is actually the third  
19 paragraph, at the bottom, it says, "Second, we received the  
20 external hard drive and disc containing T-Netix's production.  
21 One of our staff noted that an import/load file indicates  
22 some of the documents in the production have been coded as,  
23 'Privileged.'

24 "The attached spreadsheets lists the document numbers in  
25 question. Please advise if these documents were produced

1 intentionally."

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. So what does that mean to you?

4 A. Well, it raises the possibility that we have  
5 inadvertently produced privileged documents to the other  
6 side.

7 Q. Okay. When it says it's been coded as privileged, how  
8 does that work?

9 A. Well, what she's referring to, as I understand it, is  
10 this load file I mentioned earlier. When you have a load  
11 file it contains a certain amount of coding and the parties  
12 can sometimes agree as to how much coding it will be, but it  
13 will typically have the Bates number and it -- it may just  
14 have, you know, very minor information, possibly the name of  
15 the document, possibly who it's from. But typically it's  
16 very limited.

17 The thing that surprised me when I read this was it said  
18 that there was coding suggesting it had been privileged,  
19 because that would normally be coded and would be kept sort  
20 of internal to our side. We wouldn't necessarily give that  
21 to somebody else.

22 Q. Okay. Now, when this email comes in on Thursday, August  
23 the 19th, I mean, you in fact know that you're out of town at  
24 that time; is that correct?

25 A. Yes. I think that's why she had left a couple of voice

1 mails and I haven't responded.

2 Q. Okay. You've had a chance to kind go back and figure  
3 out whether you were in town or out of town and you know you  
4 were out of town; is that right?

5 A. Yeah. Because I think I asked Michael Lang to contact  
6 her because I was out of town.

7 Q. And in fact let's take a look, if we can, at Gruber  
8 Hurst Exhibit 12, which has been previously admitted.

9 And let's start from the bottom up, because it's an  
10 email chain.

11 And we see Mr. Lang, who is an associate at Gruber  
12 Hurst; is that correct?

13 A. That's right. And he still is. I know Ms. Clouston  
14 elevated him to partner this morning but he's actually still  
15 an associate.

16 Q. I think he would have preferred the promotion.

17 But so the first email, which is on page 3 of the  
18 document, we see that Mr. Lang is getting back to Christina  
19 Ryan; is that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. I don't want to go through all of this but could you  
22 summarize for us what this is telling?

23 A. He's giving her an update -- as I said, there were  
24 numerous parties that have license agreements with Securus  
25 and he was giving her an update on where we stood concerning

1 getting consents from other parties to those agreements. And  
2 he listed three particular parties and then he said we'll  
3 keep you informed as we hear back from the other entities.

4 Q. Okay. Okay. Now, I'm going to come back to Exhibit 12  
5 here in a second. But I actually want to go back to Exhibit  
6 10, because Ms. Ryan, she references that there is a  
7 spreadsheet that she has attached, which is also marked as  
8 Gruber Hurst Exhibit 10-A; is that correct?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. And so if we look at Gruber Hurst Exhibit 10-A we see  
11 this spreadsheet and we see a series of Bates numbers; is  
12 that correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And so this is her -- you know, Bev has just pulled up  
15 some random numbers here, but, I mean, these numbers are  
16 Bates numbers that correspond to the documents that they have  
17 determined to be coded as privileged; is that right?

18 A. That's -- that's what I understood her to be doing with  
19 that document.

20 Q. Now, I mean, this spreadsheet, it doesn't have any  
21 description of the documents. It doesn't say that this is  
22 a -- a letter or an email or an expert report. It just gives  
23 Bates numbers; is that correct?

24 A. That's right. What you can see on the screen is exactly  
25 what you see if you open up that Excel spreadsheet, it's

1 simply a list of Bates numbers.

2 Q. Okay. Now, you've had an opportunity to go back -- I'm  
3 kind of jumping ahead here, but we know what the Bates number  
4 was for the McAlexander report; is that correct?

5 A. I know what it is, yes.

6 Q. Do you remember it off the top of your head?

7 A. I think it's ST200646 through ST 200760.

8 Q. Okay. And that's what I have it down as, as well.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. Have you had a chance to check whether or not it's  
11 actually listed on this --

12 A. It's not listed on this spreadsheet.

13 Q. Okay.

14 So at least -- when she sends this to you, you still  
15 don't know about the McAlexander report, do you?

16 A. No.

17 Q. And even if it had been spelled out it's still not on  
18 the spreadsheet, is it?

19 A. No, it's not.

20 Q. And when you get this you're out of town, Michael Lang  
21 has sent an email, as we've seen on that next day on that  
22 Friday morning, you get back in town on that following  
23 Monday; is that correct?

24 A. I believe that's correct.

25 Q. If we can turn back to Gruber Hurst Exhibit 12.

1           We see on page 2 -- kind of going up the chain there's  
2           an email that Ms. Ryan pens to Michael Lang, copies you,  
3           says, "Michael, thank you for your email, please advice as to  
4           when we can expect to receive the agreements identified  
5           below.

6           "Also, T-Netix's discovery responses stated that some  
7           materials related to prior art, validity, and enforceability  
8           would not be produced absent court order. Please advise  
9           whether these materials will be produced pursuant to the  
10          protective order in place or if it is necessary to involve  
11          the court."

12          And at that point is when you're back in the office and  
13          you respond to this email, as we see in the email right above  
14          it, where it says, "Christina, I will call you to discuss  
15          this in more detail tomorrow morning. Lattice has indicated  
16          that it will not be producing a witness," blah, blah, blah,  
17          blah, blah.

18          "Best regards, Tony."

19          Is that correct?

20          A. Yes. We had been trying to set up some third-party  
21          depositions. We sent out some notices. But as I'm telling  
22          her the respondents to the notices not going to be available  
23          on those particular dates.

24          Q. Okay. And then if we can just take a look at the first  
25          page of Exhibit 12. So true to what you said on the 23rd is

1 you do call her back. And in this email Christina is  
2 summarizing or confirming that conversation.

3 "Tony, it was good speaking with you this morning. I  
4 spook with one of our E-Discovery paralegals and we can  
5 simply delete the privileged documents from the production  
6 off our system. This appears to be the most efficient way to  
7 address the issue, as we have already uploaded the majority  
8 of the production. Please provide a privilege log with the  
9 relevant document numbers as soon as possible."

10 Is that correct?

11 A. That's what she says.

12 Q. So is that correct, Tony, that that morning basically  
13 y'all agreed that you would put together essentially a  
14 privilege log that responded to her telling you that you  
15 might have some documents that you need to claw back?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. Okay. And is that what you start to do?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And tell the court in that regard -- the  
20 McAlexander report is not even on there, okay, so we haven't  
21 even gotten into the McAlexander report yet.

22 What is it that you start to do in order to be able to  
23 provide that privilege log?

24 A. Well, I know that I produced the documents that were  
25 produced in the Global case.



1 Q. Right.

2 A. So my first -- the first thing that comes into my head  
3 is, well, I need to get a copy of the privilege log that was  
4 used in the Global case and see what -- what's on it.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. And sort of compare it to what I just received from  
7 Christina.

8 Q. Okay. So do you get the privilege log?

9 A. I do. I asked Michael Lang if he could dig it out. I  
10 knew that he worked on Global, asked if he could dig it out  
11 and send it to me.

12 Q. And if we look at Gruber Hurst Exhibit 11, we see that  
13 Mr. Lang is sending on August 1, 9:55 a.m. privilege log and  
14 the file name is 26918\_1.doc; is that correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. And we actually have a copy of that document.  
17 If you could turn to tab I believe it's 26.

18 A. I've got it.

19 Q. Okay. And is this a true and correct copy of the  
20 privilege log that was sent to you by Mr. Lang?

21 A. Yes, it is.

22 Q. Now, this one was not executed or signed; is that  
23 correct?

24 A. This one, as you probably saw from the email, this was  
25 sent to me electronically.

1 Q. Okay. So this was just a copy of the one that was  
2 ultimately produced in the Global case?

3 A. That's -- that was my understanding.

4 Q. Okay. So if you can just pull that document out from  
5 the binder.

6 Just so we can give the court kind of sort of the  
7 magnitude of this document let's just flip through.

8 It's quite a number of pages, right?

9 A. It's 41 pages if you include the certificate of service  
10 and the signature block.

11 Q. And how many documents are listed on the priv log in the  
12 Global case?

13 A. It's 288.

14 Q. Okay. And so you've got 288 documents that are  
15 designated as privileged, you've been told by Christina Ryan  
16 that you may have an issue, so what do you do next?

17 A. Well, I want to know -- obviously this is a privilege  
18 log, I just want to check whether -- whether anything that's  
19 on the privilege log was included in the production that we  
20 have made to Global -- to Combined.

21 Q. Okay. This sounds like a pretty painstaking process?

22 A. Yeah. I mean, it was -- it's a big document. It wasn't  
23 something that you could do in a few minutes. It's a long  
24 process.

25 Q. Okay. So you get this on the 24th, right?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. Okay. And you heard Ms. Clouston earlier, she testified  
3 that sometime on the 24th is when the two of you talked; is  
4 that correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. At the time that you talked with Ms. Clouston do you  
7 know about the McAlexander report?

8 A. No.

9 Q. You're positive?

10 A. I'm positive.

11 Q. One hundred percent positive?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. Now, if you dig through this privilege log from  
14 the fourth amended privilege log, ultimately you would find a  
15 document that is called the rebuttal report of Joe -- is it  
16 Joe McAlexander?

17 A. Yeah. I think it -- you can see it on page 23.

18 Q. All right.

19 A. Right at 166.

20 MR. MATEJA: Let's turn to page 23 if we can, Bev.

21 BY MR. MATEJA:

22 Q. It's number 166 on the priv log; is that correct?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. So it's roughly kind of right in the middle of this  
25 privilege log; is that right?

1 A. Yeah, give or take.

2 Q. Okay. Now, when you -- okay. I'm just looking at this.  
3 There's nothing in here that talks about invalidity  
4 contentions, is there?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Okay. Would you have any reason to know that this had  
7 anything to do with invalidity?

8 A. I have no reason to know that, no.

9 Q. I mean, even if for some reason you had looked at this  
10 and gone, aha, the Joseph McAlexander report. You had never  
11 heard of the report before, you had no idea it related to  
12 invalidity contentions?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. So when you're talking to Ms. Clouston about having to  
15 get invalidity contentions it has nothing to do with this  
16 report, does it?

17 A. No.

18 MR. COOTER: Objection to the leading. All of  
19 these questions are leading.

20 MR. MATEJA: I'll rephrase, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: You volunteer. I never rule, you just  
22 volunteer.

23 Go ahead.

24 BY MR. MATEJA:

25 Q. When you talk with Ms. Clouston, okay, are you calling

1 her because of the McAlexander report?

2 A. I called her -- this is why I called her: I knew that  
3 Demarron at my instruction had sent a letter to VAC asking  
4 for consent to produce copies of two documents, the  
5 settlement agreement in the VAC case and the patent license  
6 agreement that was signed in conjunction with that settlement  
7 agreement. I knew that we had not received a response  
8 from VAC. We sent the letter on the 9th of August. And now  
9 it was the 24th of August.

10 As you saw from some of the correspondence, Combined was  
11 asking us about those documents.

12 I knew -- I knew that Stephanie had previously  
13 represented VAC. And I knew Stephanie from other cases that  
14 we had been involved in on the other side. So I thought why  
15 don't I just call her and see if she can move the ball along.

16 So I did. And that was -- I just called her to see if  
17 she could get her client to focus on this issue.

18 Q. Okay. And we see it the very next day that there is an  
19 email from you to Ms. Clouston which has been introduced as  
20 Gruber Hurst Exhibit 13 --

21 MR. MATEJA: And, Bev if we could pull that up, in  
22 particular the second page.

23 THE WITNESS: Could you tell me which exhibit  
24 number?

25 MR. MATEJA: Yes. It's Gruber Hurst Exhibit 13.

1 If we can blow that up, Bev, the paragraph.

2 BY MR. MATEJA:

3 Q. And could you read that to the judge, Tony?

4 A. Yes.

5 "Stephanie: Thank you for taking the time to a talk to  
6 me last night. I have attached a copy of the letter that my  
7 colleagues we want to VAC's CEO earlier this month. Please  
8 would you follow-up with VAC and let me know as soon as you  
9 can what its position is with regard to our clients producing  
10 the two cases identified above marked as confidential -  
11 attorneys eyes only the agreements identified in the letter.

12 "Also, please let me know whether VAC is agreeable to  
13 our client disclosing to these defendants VAC's invalidity  
14 contentions that were served in its litigation with our  
15 clients. I have not seen these contentions because of the  
16 prohibitions contained in the protective order, but I  
17 understand they were designated as confidential under the  
18 protective order in place in that litigation.

19 "I appreciate your assistance. Please call me if you  
20 have any questions."

21 Q. All right. Now, you used the term "invalidity  
22 contentions." What are you mean by that term?

23 A. Well, I mean, what Ms. Clouston talked about his  
24 morning. Typically an accused infringer would file in the  
25 patent case in which it states forth -- it sets forth its

1 contentions as to why the asserted patent claims are  
2 invalid.

3 Q. All right. Now, when you're using the term "invalidity  
4 contentions" and the fact that they were subject to a  
5 protective order, in your mind does that have anything to do  
6 with the McAlexander report?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. But you do have an understanding that there was a  
9 protective order in place in the VAC litigation?

10 A. Yes. And I understood that the invalidity contentions  
11 that had been served by VAC in those proceedings had been  
12 marked as confidential under the protective order.

13 Q. Okay. And it's not uncommon in the cases that you deal  
14 with for protective orders to be in place, is it?

15 A. I would say it's invariable.

16 Q. Okay. So it's -- it's commonplace that you're going to  
17 have documents that are subject to the protective order that  
18 you need to pull together to respond to discovery requests.

19 A. That's right.

20 Q. So we've talked about the conversation with  
21 Ms. Clouston, but obviously, Tony, you've got a job to do. I  
22 mean, you have got to get a privilege log now to Christina  
23 Ryan over at Stites & Harbison because you've got a potential  
24 claw back issue --

25 A. He has an objection.

1 MR. COOTER: I'll let him finish. I didn't mean to  
2 interrupt.

3 BY MR. MATEJA:

4 Q. What do you do next?

5 MR. COOTER: I object as compound and leading. He  
6 really shouldn't lead this witness this way on these issues.  
7 It's got about 16 clauses in it.

8 THE COURT: Okay. I thought he was recapping the  
9 testimony and then asking a question.

10 Would you repeat that. Can you repeat that?

11 THE WITNESS: I wish you would because actually I  
12 got distracted by seeing Mr. Cooter stand up and I wasn't  
13 listening.

14 BY MR. MATEJA:

15 Q. Okay.

16 You know what --

17 MR. COOTER: I'm short, not to worry.

18 BY MR. MATEJA:

19 Q. Tony, I really didn't need to summarize that testimony.  
20 But all I really wanted to ask you was: what did you do  
21 next?

22 (Laughter.)

23 But I did.

24 A. I had spoken to Christina Ryan. She had raised the  
25 possibility that we had produced -- inadvertently produced



1 privileged documents. When I had that conversation with her  
2 I had to do an investigation to assure that was the case.

3 But the agreement we came to over the telephone and she  
4 confirmed it in the email was that I would figure out if we  
5 produced privileged documents that we needed to snap back and  
6 I would create a privilege log and I would send it to her and  
7 that she would then delete the documents that were on the  
8 privilege log from their database.

9 Because she had told me that they had already loaded the  
10 majority of the documents that we had sent on the hard drive  
11 and then she would send me back the hard drive.

12 Q. Okay. And if we look at Gruber Hurst Exhibit 14 which  
13 has already been introduced into evidence and if we take a  
14 look at -- basically let's look at the header and the first  
15 paragraph.

16 It's an email from you to Christina Ryan dated August  
17 the 25th, the same day as your confirmatory email to  
18 Ms. Clouston.

19 It says "Christina: As I stated over the telephone  
20 yesterday, as a result of your recent inquiry, we have  
21 discovered that a batch of privileged documents appear to  
22 have been inadvertently included on the hard drive that we  
23 sent you earlier this month. We are developing a preliminary  
24 privilege log identifying these documents, which I anticipate  
25 being able to send to you tomorrow. Once you received the

1 log, please take immediate steps to delete the identified  
2 documents from your database.

3 "Also, please return the hard drive to me once you are  
4 done with it. I appreciate your cooperation."

5 Did I read that correct?

6 A. Yes. And -- and having read that, I have to correct  
7 what I just said, because obviously I did tell her during the  
8 conversation that I determined we had produced some  
9 privileged documents.

10 Q. Okay. But you're still in the process of putting  
11 together a preliminary privilege log; is that correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. You say you're going to get it to her the next day but  
14 it actually takes you two days to do it; is that right?

15 A. Yeah. I don't -- the privilege log is not completed  
16 until the 27th.

17 Q. All right. So describe to the judge what you had to do  
18 with this 40 page, 244 entry privilege log to figure out  
19 whether documents that Stites & Harbison had are documents  
20 that are on the priv log.

21 A. Well, obviously it's a privilege log. It's not a snap  
22 back log. So the first thing I have to do is figure out --

23 Q. Now, when you say "snap back" does that mean claw back?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. I have heard people say "snap back."

2 Q. Okay. I just want to make sure we've got our  
3 nomenclature the same.

4 A. Okay.

5 So I can't assume everything on the privilege log has  
6 been produced. I need to find out whether anything on the  
7 privilege log has been produced.

8 So I think the first thing I did was I skinned down  
9 that 41 page privilege log that we've just seen into a  
10 much -- well, I say a much shorter document, it was a  
11 document about half the size and it had maybe about 130  
12 entries on it.

13 Q. Okay. And then what do you next?

14 A. Well, then I have to look at those documents to figure  
15 out, okay, they've been -- they were on a privilege log  
16 originally, they have been produced, do I want to assert  
17 privilege and claw them back --

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. -- in the Combined litigation.

20 My inclination was not to want to claw back 133  
21 documents unless I had to. So I set about reviewing the  
22 documents to see what their content was, to determine whether  
23 or not they were -- truly were privileged or whether their  
24 content was so insignificant that it was not worth snapping  
25 them back.

1 Q. Okay. And then what do you do next?

2 A. Well, I -- I got it down to about 15 documents that I  
3 felt needed to be snapped back.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. In the process of doing that I looked at this -- I  
6 noticed that there's this thing -- there's this thing called  
7 the McAlexander rebuttal report. And in the -- in the  
8 privilege logs that I got from Michael Lang it was stated  
9 that it was privileged, attorney work product, which caused  
10 me to scratch my head a little bit because I had trouble  
11 understanding why an expert report would be marked as  
12 privileged.

13 Q. All right. And so what do you do next?

14 A. So I went to talk to Michael Lang.

15 Q. All right.

16 A. And I said, look, can you help me out, I'm going through  
17 these documents, there's one here called an expert report and  
18 yet it says it's privileged, can you explain.

19 At that point he said, well, it's not privileged, it was  
20 subject to a protective order and we weren't supposed to have  
21 it and we snapped it back.

22 Q. Okay. Is that the extent of the conversation?

23 A. Yeah. It wasn't much more in depth than that. My  
24 concern was do I have to snap this back, and if I do, what is  
25 my basis for snapping it back. I knew -- understood it

1 wasn't privileged. what I am now told is it's subject to a  
2 protective order.

3 So what I did in this sort of evolving privilege log is  
4 I took out the reference to it being privilege and I put in  
5 that it was confidential subject to a protective order, or  
6 words to that effect.

7 Q. You could have left it as privileged, that would have  
8 been incorrect though.

9 A. I don't think I could have left it the way it was  
10 because that wouldn't have been correct. I mean, I'm trying  
11 to -- I'm sending a privilege log to Christina Ryan on the  
12 basis of which she is going to give me documents back --

13 Q. Right.

14 A. So I want to make sure that it's an accurate log.

15 Q. Right. Okay.

16 A. And this document is not privileged but I have -- but I  
17 still have to snap it back because I'm told it's subject to a  
18 protective order.

19 Q. Okay. And ultimately do you put together this kind of  
20 skinnied down privilege log and send it to Christina Ryan?

21 A. On the 27th of August --

22 Q. Okay. And let's take a look at Gruber Hurst Exhibit 15,  
23 which has been previously admitted.

24 A. Okay. So on the 27th of August I send a letter Joel  
25 Beres and Christina Ryan, counsel for Combined. And I'm

1 basically sending them the -- the privilege log that she had  
2 requested.

3 Q. Now, correct me if I read this wrong, you're sending it  
4 to Christina, sending it to Beres.

5 "Dear counsel: Following my recent discussion with  
6 Christina Ryan regarding our inadvertent production of  
7 privileged documents in this litigation, I have enclosed a  
8 preliminary privilege log identifying the documents or pages  
9 of documents that we wish to snap back and require you to  
10 remove from your database. Please note that item 1 on the  
11 log is not being snapped back on the basis of attorney-client  
12 privilege or attorney work product. Rather, this is a  
13 document relating to invalidity contentions that is protected  
14 from disclosure by a protective order in prior litigation  
15 involving our client, but was inadvertently included in our  
16 document production. As indicated in previous discussion, we  
17 are willing to produce this document to you pursuant to a  
18 court order or with the consent of the party whose  
19 confidential information is referred to in the document,  
20 namely, Value-Added Communications, Inc., VAC. We are in  
21 discussions with VAC and will let you know its position as  
22 soon as we can."

23 The next paragraph reads, "Please confirm promptly that  
24 you have deleted all copies of the documents identified in  
25 the enclosed privilege log. If you would like us to provide

1 replacement copies of any of the documents with respect to  
2 which only some pages have been snapped back, please let me  
3 know."

4 And -- and I think that's all we need to look at right  
5 now.

6 So you actually attached the privilege log, which has  
7 been marked as Gruber Hurst Exhibit 16-A -- excuse me --  
8 15-A?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you've got that in front of you, do you not?

11 A. I do.

12 Q. And let's take a look at the third page, which would be  
13 the first entry on that log.

14 And you're not trying to hide anything. You have the  
15 McAlexander report number 1. Is that correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. And, in fact, you're not saying it's privileged or work  
18 product protected, you're saying it's covered by a protective  
19 order; is that correct?

20 A. That's right.

21 Q. Okay. And we see the Bates numbers there are which the  
22 same numbers you told us a little bit earlier, which were not  
23 on Ms. Ryan's log; is that correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. I mean, the truth is that you could have buried this

1 document if you wanted to, Tony; is that right?

2 MR. COOTER: Objection to the form of the question.

3 THE WITNESS: I --

4 MR. MATEJA: Hold on just a second.

5 THE COURT: Overruled.

6 MR. MATEJA: I could not bury it because I -- I was  
7 being opened about what it was. I mean, it's not in my  
8 nature to bury it. That's not the way I operate.

9 BY MR. MATEJA:

10 Q. Suffice it to say though that this letter spells out  
11 what the document is, that it was subject to a protective  
12 order; is that right?

13 A. Yeah. What I was trying to do in this letter, and I  
14 think I did it successfully, was to say I am snapping this  
15 document back but I'm not snapping it back on the basis of  
16 privilege, I'm snapping it back because it's subject to a  
17 protective order.

18 I didn't want there to be any doubt as to the basis for  
19 which I was snapping it back.

20 Q. Okay. Now, when you sent this letter to the two  
21 lawyers, what was your expectation -- just your expectation  
22 as to what would happen next?

23 A. Well, my expectation was that they would press to get a  
24 copy of it, because, as I said in my letter, it seemed to me  
25 related to invalidity contentions.



1 Q. All right.

2 A. And we had already been -- already been talking about  
3 invalidity contentions per se, and Christina was anxious to  
4 know when -- when they were going to be getting that kind of  
5 stuff.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. So my expectation was that this would just result in  
8 them pressing for the document and that we would resolve the  
9 issue one way or the other.

10 Q. But in order to have been able to have given them that  
11 document what would you have had to have gotten?

12 A. Well, I would have had to get consent from VAC --

13 Q. All right.

14 A. -- or a court order.

15 Q. Okay. And did you expect that at some point in time in  
16 the future that you were going to have to get back in touch  
17 with VAC?

18 A. Yes. I mean, since they had asked for this and since it  
19 was obvious that it existed. They didn't ask specifically  
20 for the report but since they asked for prior art information  
21 and since I had made it clear in my snap back that I was  
22 taking back a -- a report that related to invalidity issues,  
23 my expectation was that they would want a copy of that, even  
24 though I snapped it back.

25 Q. Okay. Now, you told the court that Mr. Lang had told

1 you that you weren't supposed to have that document?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Is that what I heard?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. Did you feel like at this juncture now that you  
6 could just delete any reference to this document in Gruber  
7 Hurst's computers or even on the external hard drives?

8 A. No. Obviously it was a concern to me that he said we  
9 weren't supposed to have it, but the fact is we did have it.  
10 And the fact is I had made it very apparent to Combined and  
11 to Pinnacle that it existed. And they had basically given it  
12 back to me. That was my point was I said you have to give it  
13 back to me. They sent me back the hard drive. So I have it.

14 At that point I don't feel comfortable destroying it  
15 because there could be exfoliation issues. If Combined or  
16 Pinnacle then move the court to compel its production I don't  
17 feel at all comfortable going to the judge and saying, well,  
18 I used to have it but I've since destroyed it.

19 Q. And did you feel as though that document was indeed  
20 responsive to live discovery requests made by Combined and  
21 Pinnacle?

22 A. Yes, because they had asked for anything that indicated  
23 the existence of prior art or -- you know, I think it was  
24 items 13 and 14 of the request.

25 If I had been in their shoes I would have been

1 interested in getting a copy of that expert report because it  
2 would be relevant to invalidity issues in the case.

3 Q. Now, ultimately you do hear back from the lawyers that  
4 represent Pinnacle; is that correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. And in front of you is Gruber Hurst Exhibit 16. Is this  
7 the email that you receive from the law firm representing  
8 Pinnacle?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. And could you just read it? It's pretty short.

11 A. Yes. It's from Alan Seutter to me.

12 He says, "In response to your August 27th, 2010 letter  
13 to Frank Cimino and Jon Falkler regarding drawback of  
14 inadvertently produced documents by T-Netix, we confirm  
15 destruction of the specified ranges from our files, including  
16 images and associated text."

17 Q. Now, in addition to hearing from the law firm  
18 representing Pinnacle, I mean, you've actually had a number  
19 of conversations with Christina Ryan by this point in time,  
20 correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And what has she indicated that she was going to do?

23 A. She indicated that once she got the privilege log she  
24 would have the documents listed destroyed -- you know,  
25 deleted from her database --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- and would send me back the hard drive.

3 Q. And does she send you a letter on the 24th marked as  
4 Government's Exhibit 17, which is previously admitted?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. And could you read that to the court, please?

7 A. "Dear Tony: Enclosed please find CPC's supplemental  
8 responses to interrogatories numbers 2 and 4 as well as CPC's  
9 supplemental document production number CPC00740-7069. Note  
10 that the supplemental document production is designated  
11 'confidential - attorneys eyes only' under the protective  
12 order. We also return the external hard drive bearing  
13 plaintiff's document production, per your request."

14 "Should you have any questions, please feel free to  
15 contact us."

16 Q. So you have gotten this letter. You have already talked  
17 to Ms. Ryan.

18 Did you actually go the extra mile to confirm that they  
19 had destroyed this document?

20 A. I did, because -- fast-forwarding a little bit now, but  
21 in August, late August 2012, with the consent of Mr. Kula,  
22 T-Netix and Securus sent me copies of the -- the motion to  
23 reopen the case.

24 In fact, they may have come directly from Mr. Kula's  
25 office. I can't remember. But I couldn't see them at first

1 because everything was under seal. But with the requisite  
2 consents I got a copy of the -- the papers that he had been  
3 filed in this case.

4 And when I read those papers, it -- it -- it seemed to  
5 me that what was being said was in understanding all these  
6 claw-back efforts that Ms. Clouston, who was Ms. Ryan's  
7 successor counsel, had a copy of this document. And I  
8 couldn't understand how that could be, because Christina Ryan  
9 had already confirmed to me that it had been destroyed.

10 So I contacted Mr. Beres. I said, look, it's important,  
11 I know you've already confirmed this once but I want you to  
12 redouble your efforts and call me back and let me know,  
13 confirm that you have in fact done this.

14 And he actually went to quite some efforts, because  
15 Christina Ryan had -- she was unmarried when I was litigating  
16 against her, she subsequently got married, had a family, she  
17 left the practice of law. But Mr. Beres called me and told  
18 me that he had tracked her down and talked to her and he  
19 confirmed over the telephone that they had indeed complied  
20 with the claw-back request.

21 Q. Okay. Now, Ms. Clouston says that she actually saw the  
22 document.

23 Did you hear that testimony?

24 A. I did hear her say that, yes.

25 Q. Okay. But yet we're hearing from Ms. Ryan, Mr. Beres,

1 we've got a letter that says that the document was destroyed;  
2 is that correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. Okay. Do you know which version is correct?

5 A. Well, I don't know. But -- well, I -- I -- I believe  
6 what Christina Ryan told me. I believe what Joel Beres told  
7 me. I -- I don't know what to make of what Ms. Clouston  
8 said.

9 Q. Okay. And in that same vein, Ms. Clouston also said  
10 that she told you in one of two conversations about the  
11 contempt proceeding. Is that statement true?

12 A. Absolutely incorrect.

13 Q. Okay. She didn't tell you anything about the contempt  
14 proceeding in any conversations you had with her?

15 A. No. Her -- her testimony was interesting, because --  
16 because she had assumed that I was talking to her about an  
17 expert report that I knew nothing about. And because she  
18 said that I was talking about an expert report she said that  
19 -- that she told me that that expert report had been the  
20 subject of a previous proceeding. But I hadn't called her  
21 about an expert report. I didn't know an expert report  
22 existed. She and I did not discuss an expert report.

23 So all I can assume is that her testimony that she told  
24 me there had been a previous proceeding was a misrecollection  
25 of events.

1 Q. Tony, when -- when you got the -- when you heard about  
2 the motion to reopen that's given rise to this proceeding, I  
3 mean, tell me what your immediate thoughts were.

4 A. When I saw the motion?

5 Q. Yeah. Um-hum.

6 A. Well, I was very concerned about it.

7 Q. Okay. Was that the first you had heard about it?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. So nobody from VAC called you up and said what are you  
10 doing with this document?

11 A. No.

12 Q. And when you get that motion to reopen, what do you set  
13 out to do?

14 A. Well, I want to make sure that -- that my firm does  
15 whatever needs to be done to allay the concerns that were  
16 expressed in the motion.

17 Q. All right.

18 A. I mean, I had some concerns about what was being alleged  
19 because it didn't gel with what I understood had happened,  
20 but I understood that they were saying that this document was  
21 still out there, so I wanted to reach out to VAC's counsel  
22 and try to resolve the issue.

23 Q. And did you do that?

24 A. I did.

25 Q. And what happened?

1 A. Well, Jeff Lowenstein and I visited the law firm of  
2 McDole Williams on the 7th of September and we had a meeting  
3 with Mr. Kula and Mr. Williams in person. And then -- I -- I  
4 thought that was going to be the -- the people involved in  
5 the meeting. But what actually happened is that when we got  
6 into the conference room Mr. Cooter and Ms. Mangold were  
7 joined by teleconference.

8 Q. Okay. And what was the result -- what -- what did you  
9 offer in that meeting is probably the first question?

10 A. Well, what I offered was to do what they wanted us to do  
11 to alleviate what they thought was some risk of ongoing harm  
12 to their clients. So it was kind of an open-ended approach.

13 But specifically what I was willing to do, given that  
14 they had made it -- that they had indicated in their  
15 pleadings that Ms. Clouston had a copy of this document --  
16 and also implied that her client, Combined, had a copy of it.  
17 And they reiterated that belief in the phone conversation.

18 I offered to take whatever steps were necessary to  
19 ensure in the Combined case that Ms. Clouston complied with  
20 the protective order. Because we had a protective order in  
21 our case, too.

22 Q. All right.

23 A. And the protective order we had in our case would have  
24 not permitted her to give a copy of that document to her  
25 client.



1 Q. All right.

2 A. Because the document had been marked as attorneys eyes  
3 only. So I offered to take whatever steps we needed to take  
4 proceedings in that case to ensure that this document was not  
5 misused. And Mr. Cooter told me that I didn't need to do  
6 that because he could handle Ms. Clouston.

7 Q. So to that end there's actually a letter that you  
8 jointly write with Mr. Lowenstein which is marked as Defense  
9 Exhibit 18; is that correct?

10 I'm sorry -- yeah, 18.

11 A. We did -- yeah, we did send that letter.

12 Q. And the gist of this letter is -- I'm just going to  
13 summarize here, because it's a pretty lengthy letter, but --  
14 and correct me if I'm wrong, is that you're saying that you  
15 have heard from VAC who believes that Ms. -- Ms. Clouston is  
16 in possession of the McAlexander rebuttal report; is that  
17 correct?

18 A. That's the gist of it.

19 Q. Okay. And then what else -- just kind of summarize what  
20 the letter says thereafter.

21 A. Well, we were basically asking her to -- we're --  
22 basically, if you look at page -- the second page. Paragraph  
23 in the middle --

24 Q. Okay. And let's just read that to the court.

25 A. Yeah.

1 "As stated above, we are surprised to learn from current  
2 counsel for VAC that you possess a copy of the McAlexander  
3 rebuttal report. VAC's counsel has alleged it is concerned  
4 that Combined, a competitor of VAC, would have access to the  
5 allegedly confidential information contained in the  
6 McAlexander rebuttal report. As you are aware of, and  
7 subject to, the protective order, and as a result of your  
8 continuing obligations to VAC, as its prior counsel in the  
9 Northern District of Texas litigation, there is no  
10 justification for your failure to immediately purge the  
11 McAlexander rebuttal report from your files. If VAC's  
12 counsel is incorrect and you are no longer in possession of  
13 the McAlexander rebuttal report, please so confirm.  
14 Additionally, please conduct an additional review of the  
15 production and file in the Combined litigation and confirm  
16 that the report, including all hard copies, electronic  
17 copies, and any related metadata, has in fact been completely  
18 purged."

19 Q. Okay. So you send that letter and you got get a  
20 response from Ms. Clouston; is that correct?

21 A. We -- Yes. We did get a response.

22 Q. And that response is marked as Gruber Hurst Exhibit 19  
23 which was previously admitted. Is that correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 MR. MATEJA: And before we look at that document,

1 Bev, if you would, let's go to the second page, and the  
2 second and the third paragraphs.

3 BY MR. MATEJA:

4 Q. You've told the court that you have a meeting with VAC's  
5 counsel where the impression is given to you that  
6 Ms. Clouston has the McAlexander report.

7 Is that correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Okay. You write the letter that we saw, which was  
10 Exhibit Number 18. And then the response comes back in from  
11 Ms. Clouston. And in particular let's take a look at really  
12 I guess at the second paragraph that's blown up.

13 Correct me if I read this wrong that, "with regard to  
14 the cause number 3:09-CV-743 (Louisville), I did discover a  
15 copy of the McAlexander rebuttal report included in the  
16 discovery materials that I inherited when I took over  
17 representation of CPC. I recognized the document as subject  
18 to the protective order. As a result, the document was  
19 segregated and purged from our electronic database and all  
20 copies were destroyed. In addition, I do not have any hard  
21 copies of the McAlexander rebuttal report in my possession.  
22 Further, I never disseminated the document to anyone at CPC  
23 or produced it to CPC or to anyone else."

24 Is that what that says?

25 A. It does say that.

1 Q. Does that run counter to what you were hearing on  
2 September the 7th?

3 A. The implication during the conversation on the 7th was  
4 that Stephanie Clouston had a copy of it.

5 Q. This isn't the last word from Ms. Clouston, because  
6 there's a declaration in this case.

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. You've looked at the declaration?

9 A. I have.

10 Q. It's already in evidence.

11 Is there anywhere in that document where she says that  
12 she actually discovered a copy of the report, that she looked  
13 at it, she had it segregated and purged?

14 A. Well, no. I've read it, I don't believe it's in there.

15 Q. Now, you had the September meeting with counsel for VAC.  
16 Do you have an opportunity to talk with VAC's counsel another  
17 time to discuss the fact that you have possession of this  
18 report?

19 A. Yes. You know, there was some briefing that went back  
20 and forth, and the first issue for the judge was whether to  
21 reopen the case. And so the first round of briefing was on  
22 that issue. And I thought we were -- you know, based on our  
23 briefing and what we understood about the situation was that  
24 the -- the judge would not reopen the case.

25 But the judge did reopen the case. And so that was

1 another round of opportunity to focus on the issue.

2 Q. Okay. And so what did you do next?

3 A. So we decided that we -- you know, talked within the  
4 firm and we decided that we should make a proposal to VAC's  
5 counsel akin to what they had asked for in their application  
6 to show cause, which was that a forensic expert come into our  
7 office and look at our server to determine where the document  
8 was and how to purge it. So we offered to do that.

9 And, in fact -- so -- so we had a phone conversation  
10 about that on the -- on the 6th of November.

11 Q. Okay. And tell us about that phone conversation.

12 A. Well, it was a conference call. I know that Mr. Cooter  
13 was on the call, I expect maybe Ms. Mangold, I can't recall  
14 exactly.

15 Ms. Mangold is shaking her head.

16 Jack Lowenstein was on --

17 Q. All right.

18 A. -- in his office. And in my office it was Mark Shank,  
19 one of my partners, and me.

20 Q. Do you make a proposal?

21 A. Yeah. Mark Shank made the proposal.

22 Q. And what did he propose?

23 A. He just proposed that we would hire an expert at our  
24 firm's expense to come in and find where the document was on  
25 our system and -- and purge it.

1 Q. Okay. And what was the response to that proposal?

2 A. Well, Mr. Cooter, I think he may have gone off-line for  
3 a few seconds to talk it over, but he came back and said that  
4 he wasn't accepting our offer. He didn't think that it  
5 resolved any issue in the -- in the case.

6 Q. Okay. Where did you leave things then with VAC's  
7 counsel?

8 A. Well, I think Mark reiterated the offer in somewhat more  
9 emphatic terms.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Mark Shank, because we felt it was a good proposal.

12 Q. All right.

13 A. And we thought it had been dismissed too lightly.

14 And Mr. Cooter said, well, why don't you write to me,  
15 make your proposal in writing.

16 Q. And did you do that?

17 A. I did. On the 9th of November I sent a letter to  
18 Mr. Cooter and I proposed that we go ahead and do what we had  
19 suggested. And -- and I suggested a potential forensic  
20 expert to do it, who was Mr. Cowen.

21 Q. All right. And this is --

22 A. I -- I sent Mr. Cowen's resume with that letter on the  
23 9th of November to Mr. Cooter.

24 Q. And if I had marked that resume and put it on the letter  
25 I might have gotten it in.

1 A. You might have.

2 (Laughter.)

3 Q. But in any event, Gruber Hurst Exhibit Number 20 is the  
4 proposal in writing that follows up the phone conversation  
5 that Mark Shank and you have. And, I mean, I'm just going to  
6 read it relatively quickly but not too fast.

7 THE COURT: what if I told you that I already read  
8 it?

9 MR. MATEJA: Then I'll tell you I'm not going to  
10 read it, because I'm moving on.

11 BY MR. MATEJA:

12 Q. And so the response to that is Exhibit 21; is that  
13 right?

14 A. Yeah, I got an email from Mr. Cooter.

15 MR. MATEJA: And Your Honor can tell me you've read  
16 this one, I'm moving on.

17 THE COURT: I've read it.

18 BY MR. MATEJA:

19 Q. All right. And then there is a response to Number 21 --  
20 it's actually not a response, but it's a --

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. -- kind of a supplement, which is number 22; is that  
23 right?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. And I will commend it to the court's attention.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MR. MATEJA: Pass the witness, Your Honor.

3 MR. LOWENSTEIN: I don't remember the order.

4 Do I get to go next or does Mr. Cooter?

5 THE COURT: If you want to go next. I was going to  
6 call Mr. Cooter, but if you want to go next.

7 MR. LOWENSTEIN: I'll be brief.

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 MR. LOWENSTEIN: If I can escape from your jury  
10 box, Your Honor.

11 CROSS EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. LOWENSTEIN:

13 Q. Mr. Magee, just a few questions.

14 When you were doing this entire document production  
15 process in the 2010 time frame, did you receive a copy of the  
16 McAlexander rebuttal report from the client, Securus,  
17 T-Netix, Mr. Reinhold, Mr. Smith, anyone from within the  
18 Securus parties holds?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did you send a copy of it to them?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did anyone from Securus, including Mr. Smith or  
23 Mr. Reinhold, ever direct you to produce a copy of the  
24 McAlexander rebuttal report to anyone in the litigation you  
25 were involved with?



1 A. No.

2 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Pass the witness

3 MR. COOTER: I don't know how much time I have.

4 What is your practice here?

5 THE COURT: Let's see how far we get.

6 CROSS EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. COOTER:

8 Q. Sir, it's true, is it not, that at some point you became  
9 aware that there was a protective order that had been issued  
10 in this case that precluded the dissemination of the  
11 McAlexander, whatever the fellow's name, rebuttal report, to  
12 anyone other than counsel?

13 You learned that at some point, didn't you?

14 A. I wouldn't put it quite the way you put it.

15 I was aware that there was a protective order that meant  
16 that we shouldn't have given it to Combined --

17 Q. Said what?

18 A. There was a protective order that meant we shouldn't  
19 have given it to Combined and Pinnacle. That's what I  
20 understood. So we need to snap it back from them.

21 Q. Well, and we can agree, can't we, that you did give it  
22 to Combined and Pinnacle?

23 A. Inadvertently.

24 Q. Gruber?

25 A. It's Gruber Hurst, actually.

1 Q. Oh, sorry. I'm getting -- I'm confusing you -- your  
2 firm with a client of mine actually. His name is Gubler  
3 (phonetic).

4 In fact, your law firm did disseminate it, didn't it?  
5 That happened?

6 A. I think that's clear from our affidavits. We did that,  
7 and that was inadvertent.

8 Q. Now, if I understand this correctly, at some point there  
9 was a document production request that comes in from both  
10 counsel, the then counsel in the Combined and Pinnacle cases,  
11 right?

12 A. I believe that's correct.

13 Q. And what was your -- your role on the team, if you will,  
14 to respond to that production request?

15 A. Well, I was -- I was in charge of the -- the effort.

16 I was the -- you know, it was Mr. Gruber's client but I  
17 was basically handling the cases and I had a team of people  
18 that I worked with

19 Q. And who else was on the team to -- that was involved in  
20 this effort to respond to the document production request  
21 from Pinnacle and Combined?

22 A. It was primarily Demarron Berkeley, who was our  
23 associate. He was our patent associate. And I would -- I  
24 would consult with Mr. Lang from time to time, but he wasn't  
25 primarily involved in that.

1 Q. And is it your practice -- was it your practice at the  
2 time to advise -- to instruct people on your team to go out  
3 to all involved who might have document -- responsive  
4 documents to collect them if they be producible to be  
5 produced?

6 By "all involved" I mean all involved to include the  
7 clients.

8 A. Yeah, we would typically work through the client to --  
9 to be obtain documents.

10 Q. Now, and was that done in collecting the documents that  
11 ultimately constituted the response to the document request  
12 from the Pinnacle counsel and the Combined counsel?

13 Did you follow your normal --

14 A. Could you say the question again, because I got confused  
15 at the end.

16 Q. I want to strike the question. I'll shoot it. It was  
17 awful.

18 Was that the practice that you followed, your normal  
19 practice in that regard, to respond to these request for  
20 production from Combined and Pinnacle?

21 A. Yeah. We always work with the client to find out what  
22 exists and what's responsive and what is producible, what is  
23 privileged, et cetera, et cetera.

24 Q. And others on your team, not you, are involved in that  
25 collection -- that data collection process primarily; isn't

1 that so?

2 A. I might have been involved, too. I -- I tend to roll up  
3 my sleeves and get involved with projects.

4 Q. Were you primarily involved in this project for  
5 collecting data in connection with the Pinnacle demand or the  
6 Combined demand or were others primarily responsible for the  
7 collection of the information?

8 A. I hadn't thought about that.

9 Let me think.

10 I was probably less involved on some parts of it than  
11 others, because I do remember setting Demarron the task to  
12 reach out to those different parties to see if we could get  
13 consent to produce the prior license letters, and he produced  
14 those letters that we saw an example of earlier.

15 Q. And who, if you know, did the other members of your team  
16 to use a phrase I hate, reach out to, to collect that data?

17 A. Who did they reach out to?

18 Q. Yeah. Who did they -- who did they go looking for the  
19 data from, if you know?

20 A. Well, our primary point of contact is the -- is  
21 Securus's intellectual property manager.

22 Q. Who is that?

23 A. Her name is Stephanie Prichard (phonetic).

24 Q. Okay. Was he contacted, if you know?

25 And only if you know.

1 A. Stephanie is a lady.

2 Q. I'm sorry?

3 A. Stephanie Prichard.

4 Q. Oh, I'm sorry.

5 was the contact made, if you know, and only if you know?

6 A. I know that she was involved in discussions regarding  
7 responding to this discovery request.

8 Q. Now, at some point it's true, is it not, that you became  
9 aware of the fact that it had been represented way back in  
10 2008 that all of the documents that Grubler Hurst -- Gruber  
11 Hurst - I apologize to Mr. Gruber - had been eliminated,  
12 destroyed, purged from your database, that that  
13 representation had been made by the firm?

14 A. I saw Mr. Tautfest's letter, and I think I saw it after  
15 your client had filed its motion to reopen the case.

16 Q. You saw what?

17 A. I saw Mr. Tautfest's April the 16th letter to Bell  
18 Nunnally.

19 Q. Of what date -- what year?

20 A. 2008.

21 Q. Okay. And the representation was made that your firm  
22 had no such documents or records or copies of documents,  
23 electronic or otherwise; is that accurate?

24 A. Well, I think the letter speaks for itself. I think  
25 what it said was, here, we're handing back the original

1 documents that you gave us, we've deleted copies from our  
2 database, and we've destroyed working copies. That's what  
3 the letter said. I didn't write it. I saw it after you  
4 filed your motion to reopen the case.

5 Q. Now, at some point in 2010, in the August time frame of  
6 2010, there are discussions between yourself and Ms. Clouston  
7 about these very records that have been subject to the  
8 earlier protective order and that have been the subject of  
9 the earlier letter saying they're gone. You had discussions  
10 with her about those documents?

11 A. No, I did not.

12 Q. In 2000 -- well, let's do it this way.

13 When were the documents. Give me the dates, sir - WE'VE  
14 got an affidavit that you signed, if it would be helpful to  
15 you - that suggested that the documents were actually given  
16 to counsel for Pinnacle and Combined as of August the 8th?

17 A. August the 7th was when --

18 Q. August the 7th. I was off by a day.

19 Okay. So by the 7th they're already out the door.

20 A. Well, you say "they". I think the document we've been  
21 talking about throughout this entire process has been the  
22 McAlexander rebuttal report. That document was included in  
23 the production that went out to Combined and Pinnacle on the  
24 7th of August, along with about 600,000 other pages of  
25 documents.

1 Q. And you knew that that production and the way that  
2 you've described it was discovered were in the hands of the  
3 Pinnacle counsel and the Combined counsel no later than the  
4 second week of August. Is that right?

5 A. I knew that that production had been made.  
6 That is correct.

7 Q. Now, at some point -- and tell me if you can from your  
8 recollection, we can look at again some emails if it would  
9 help you, you and Ms. Clouston had discussions where you  
10 sought to have Ms. Clouston try and get back to voluntarily  
11 release documents some of which were included in the  
12 documents already out the door?

13 A. That is incorrect.

14 Q. In August did you have discussions with Ms. Clouston  
15 about VAC voluntarily producing copies of anything?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. What --

18 A. Actually, let me correct that.

19 what I asked for was whether her client would consent to  
20 there being produced. I didn't ask her for copies of  
21 anything. She said I did, but that's not what I did.

22 Q. You asked if -- if they would consent.

23 what did you ask her to consent to being with --  
24 produced?

25 A. well, I didn't ask her to consent to anything.

1 I asked her if she would find out what her client's  
2 position was. We had written a letter to her former client  
3 and they hadn't responded. I asked her if she could find out  
4 what their position was. That was the purpose of my call to  
5 her.

6 Q. When you talked to her and you asked her to find out  
7 from VAC whether they would consent to produce something,  
8 what was the something you were asking for their consent for?

9 A. I asked if they would consent to our clients producing  
10 three things: One, the settlement agreement that was entered  
11 into in the VAC case; two was the amended patent license  
12 agreement that was entered into in conjunction with the  
13 settlement agreement in the VAC case; the third thing was the  
14 invalidity contentions that VAC had served in the VAC  
15 litigation.

16 Q. Now, would the invalidity documents include, as you  
17 believe -- as you use the words, the Alexander (sic) report?

18 A. It would not.

19 Q. What did Ms. Clouston say to you when you made this  
20 request of her?

21 A. She said that she would get in touch with her client.

22 Q. Her client being VAC?

23 A. VAC. Her former client.

24 Q. Okay. Did she express her view as to whether or not she  
25 expected VAC to comply?



1 A. I do not believe that she did. I know she testified to  
2 that this morning, but that was not my recollection of what  
3 she did.

4 Q. Now, what was your view, if you had one, as to your  
5 expectations as to whether VAC would consent?

6 A. My expectation was that Stephanie would speak to them  
7 and get back to me.

8 Q. Did you have a view one way or another whether or not  
9 you expected to get the cooperation of VAC on this issue?

10 A. I didn't have an expectation. I was asking for their  
11 consent and I hadn't yet received a response.

12 Q. Now, at some point -- when did you first become aware of  
13 the -- the original protective order that had been issued in  
14 this case?

15 A. I think it was probably the 26th of August.

16 Q. Of 2010?

17 A. Of 2010.

18 Q. And how did you first become aware of it?

19 A. Well, because, as I mentioned earlier to Mr. Mateja, I  
20 was scratching my head a bit about this entry on the Global  
21 protective -- privilege log about this expert report that was  
22 said to be privileged. So I talked to him about it.

23 And he said it's not privileged, it's subject to a  
24 protective order, we're not supposed to have it, we've got to  
25 get it back.

1           And that's why in my final privilege log I put subject  
2           to a protective order.

3           Q.   And who is it, again, just refresh my recollection, who  
4           said we're not supposed to have it?

5           A.   Michael Lang.

6           Q.   An employee of Gruber Hurst, right?

7           A.   Correct.

8           Q.   When he told you that, what did you do in response to  
9           his statement that we're not supposed to have it?

10          A.   I snapped it back.

11          Q.   From?

12          A.   From Combined and Pinnacle.

13          Q.   Okay. I've heard that.

14          A.   You asked me and I -- I answered the question.

15          Q.   What did you do at the time, in 2010, to cure the fact  
16          Mr. Lang says we're not supposed to possess it, we're not  
17          supposed to have it?

18          A.   I sat on it. I -- I got it back and I kept it.

19          Q.   Well, then is it so that notwithstanding what Mr. Lang  
20          told you, we're not supposed to have it, in 2010 you did  
21          absolutely nothing to remedy that problem that you had  
22          something that you weren't supposed to have?

23          A.   Well, I had it. I can't alter the fact that I have it.  
24          It's an electronic document. I can't give it to anybody. It  
25          exists. I had it and I kept it.

1 And my expectation was that this issue would progress,  
2 it would be resolved --

3 Q. Now --

4 A. -- promptly, but it wasn't.

5 Q. -- in -- you had it. You did nothing to remedy the  
6 situation or even attempt to remedy the situation until  
7 sometime in 2012, two years later --

8 A. well, I disagree with you characterizing --

9 Q. Listen -- listen -- listen to me, sir. Let me finish.  
10 -- some two years later, after pleadings had been filed  
11 in this case to reopen it, isn't that so?

12 A. What I did was I Clawed it back from the parties I had  
13 given it to. That's what I did.

14 Q. And kept it.

15 A. Yes. It was an electronic document that existed on our  
16 computer.

17 Q. Now, when you -- at any point once you learned that you  
18 weren't supposed to have the document from Mr. Lang, as you  
19 described it, did you -- and did you also know at that time  
20 that this document that you weren't supposed to have had been  
21 disseminated in the Pinnacle and Combined cases?

22 Did you know that?

23 A. I think I discovered that it was one of the documents  
24 that had been produced. That's why I put it on the snap-back  
25 log.

1 Q. Did you tell -- once you knew all of that did you tell  
2 Ms. Clouston that, oh, by the way, this -- this document, we  
3 have it, which Mr. Lang says we're not supposed to have, or  
4 did -- did -- did you do that? And then it was out the door?

5 A. I had already spoken to Ms. Clouston the day before, or  
6 two days before, I should say.

7 Q. Did you ever -- did you ever tell her, by the way, I  
8 heard we're not supposed to have this, I know it now, too  
9 late, we have it and we sent it out. Did you ever tell her?

10 A. I didn't have that conversation with her.

11 Q. Why not?

12 A. She didn't pursue the issue. She passed me on to her  
13 client and her client told me they were not going to give  
14 consent.

15 Q. Did you ever pass that information along to VAC itself,  
16 who's cooperation you were seeking, that you had this  
17 document that Mr. Lang says you're not supposed to have and  
18 you've already sent it out the door?

19 Did you tell them?

20 A. I did not tell them.

21 Q. Why not?

22 A. I don't know that the opportunity arose. I mean, I --  
23 this was something that I expected to develop and it didn't.  
24 I think I would have had that conversation at a point in time  
25 in the -- in the near future but the way events occurred it

1 didn't happen.

2 Q. Now, what role, if any, did you have in helping prepare  
3 the opposition to the motion to reopen the case?

4 Did you -- by way of example did you submit an  
5 affidavit?

6 A. I did.

7 MR. COOTER: Your Honor, I have a copy of the  
8 affidavit. It is not marked because I didn't expect this to  
9 go this way.

10 I would like to mark it. But I don't have extra copies.  
11 Do I have extra copies?

12 MS. MANGOLD: Just those two.

13 MR. COOTER: Which two? Show me.  
14 The court's indulgence.

15 I've got it.

16 I'd like to mark this one.

17 Do we have any stickers, exhibit stickers?

18 Does the court have one I can steal, borrow?

19 THE COURT: Did you get one?

20 MS. MANGOLD: We have it.

21 MR. COOTER: You want to show that?

22 MS. MANGOLD: Your Honor, we'll mark that as 16.

23 MR. COOTER: The court's indulgence.

24 THE COURT: Sure.

25 (Pause.)

1 BY MR. COOTER:

2 Q. I'm going to show you --

3 MR. COOTER: May I approach the witness?

4 THE COURT: Yes.

5 BY MR. COOTER:

6 Q. I'm going to show you what we have marked as Plaintiff's  
7 Exhibit 16. Just confirm for me that that's a true copy of  
8 the affidavit that you filed in connection with the pleadings  
9 to reopen this case.

10 A. Yes. It's a declaration.

11 Q. I called it an affidavit. I apologize. I do that all  
12 the time.

13 MR. COOTER: I move 16.

14 MR. MATEJA: No objections, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: It's admitted.

16 BY MR. COOTER:

17 Q. I want you to take a look at --

18 MR. COOTER: Is this Plaintiff's 11?

19 MS. MANGOLD: Yes.

20 BY MR. COOTER:

21 Q. Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 11, if you would.

22 A. Which binder is that --

23 Q. It's in the white book.

24 It's in the white book.

25 THE COURT: While you're doing that, Mr. Cooter, is

1 the affidavit that's number 16 attached to a pleading to do  
2 with reopening the case?

3 MS. MANGOLD: Yes, Your Honor, it is. It's  
4 attached to Exhibit -- or document docket number 220-1 filed  
5 on September 28th, 2012.

6 THE COURT: Okay. I can look at it that way.

7 MS. MANGOLD: Thank you.

8 BY MR. COOTER:

9 Q. Let me know when you have Exhibit Number 11, sir.

10 A. I have it.

11 Q. Now, I asked you whether or not the document to include  
12 this report were part of the contentions of what we're going  
13 to call generically the invalidity questions.

14 A. Yes. I remember that question.

15 Q. And you answered they were not.

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Take a look at -- there's a letter from you, it's in  
18 evidence as Exhibit 11, to Christina Ryan and her colleague  
19 at Stites & Harbison. Did you send that letter on or about  
20 that date?

21 A. Yes, I did.

22 Q. Now, it's dated August the 27th, right about the same  
23 time you're talking to Stephanie Clouston about whatever  
24 you're talking to her about, right?

25 A. Say that one more time.

1 Q. This is within a day or two of these conversations that  
2 you're having with Stephanie Clouston?

3 A. It's a conversation.

4 Q. In the first paragraph of the letter did you tell  
5 Christina Ryan and her colleagues: Please note that the item  
6 on the log is being snapped back on the basis of -- is -- is  
7 not being snapped back on the basis of attorney-client  
8 privilege or attorney work product. Rather, it is a document  
9 related to invalidity contentions that is protected from  
10 disclosure by a protective order in the prior litigation?

11 Did you write that?

12 A. I did write that.

13 Q. What document are you referring to?

14 A. In that -- I'm referring to the McAlexander report in  
15 that letter.

16 Q. Well, then which is accurate, what you told Ms. Ryan,  
17 that it was part of the invalidity contentions, or what  
18 you've told us today, that you don't consider it part of the  
19 invalidity contentions?

20 A. I think you're misconstruing what I wrote and I think  
21 you're misconstruing what an invalidity contention is.

22 What I said in this letter is that the document is a  
23 document relating to invalidity contentions, and there's not  
24 an insignificant distinction.

25 What I was talking about with Ms. Clouston two days



1 earlier, three days earlier, was invalidity contentions,  
2 which are a term of art in patent litigation. They are a  
3 document that a party files or serves saying these are our  
4 invalidity contentions. They are not expert reports. And I  
5 was not intending to discuss expert reports with Ms. Clouston  
6 in my August the 25th email. I was intending to address  
7 invalidity contentions, period.

8 Now, by the time I write this letter on the 27th I  
9 understand that this expert report exists, that it relates to  
10 invalidity, that it's been -- I'm snapping it back, but I  
11 understand now, on the 27th that this is a document that  
12 relates to invalidity. And I understand -- you're shaking  
13 your head, but I haven't finished my answer yet.

14 Q. I'm -- I'm not --

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. Go ahead.

17 A. And what I'm saying is I'm happy to ask for consent to  
18 produce it to you, but I haven't previously asked Stephanie  
19 Clouston to give consent to production of the McAlexander  
20 report.

21 Q. Are you finished?

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. When you found out, however you found it out, from  
24 Mr. Lang that you weren't supposed to have the document, why  
25 didn't you just send it back to VAC, all copies, electronic,

1 and printed?

2 why -- why didn't you just send it back?

3 why did you keep it?

4 A. There are a couple of things.

5 There are no printed copies of the report. I know you  
6 keep suggesting there are, but there are not.

7 All there exists is an electronic copy. I cannot send  
8 an electronic copy back to VAC. I cannot send it back to  
9 VAC.

10 I can send them a copy, but I still have what I have.  
11 I cannot send it back to them.

12 Q. Can you delete it?

13 A. I could delete it.

14 Q. why didn't you?

15 when you found out that this had happened, why didn't  
16 you?

17 A. Because its existence was made known to Combined and  
18 Pinnacle. I fully expected them to demand a copy of it. I  
19 fully expected to have to come back to VAC and say these guys  
20 are demanding a copy of this, do you consent or not.

21 And I do not want to go to the judge in the Combined  
22 case or the Pinnacle case and say I had this document but I  
23 destroyed it.

24 Q. why didn't you go to the court and tell 'em what had  
25 happened, therefore you needed to send it back, delete it,

1 get rid of it?

2 why didn't you just tell the court?

3 A. I didn't think I needed to tell the court at that point.

4 This was an ongoing issue which I expected to be resolved.

5 Q. At all times -- at all times, sir, in connection with  
6 your involvement in the things that you've testified to here,  
7 confirm for me that you and your law firm were serving as  
8 counsel to Securus and VAC at all times.

9 A. I wasn't counsel for VAC. I think you misspoke.

10 Q. Or not VAC. Thank you. You're absolutely right.  
11 Securus and T-Netix.

12 A. I was counsel --

13 MR. MATEJA: Judge, at all times, I'm not sure what  
14 at "all times" means. I just want to make sure I get  
15 clarification on it, Your Honor.

16 BY MR. COOTER:

17 Q. At all times having to do with your involvement in this  
18 case as you've testified to it, just confirm for me that at  
19 all times your -- who were your clients?

20 A. My clients were -- let me see.

21 In the Combined case?

22 Q. Yeah.

23 A. It was T-Netix, Inc.

24 Q. Okay. In the Combined case?

25 A. T-Netix, Inc. That's the one I just said. I'd have to

1 look at the pleadings in Pinnacle, but it may have -- it may  
2 have been T-Netix, it may have been Securus. I suspect it  
3 was T-Netix. It may also have been Securus. I just don't  
4 remember.

5 MR. COOTER: Your Honor, that's all I have of this  
6 witness at this time.

7 If I haven't moved 16 I do.

8 THE COURT: He went second. It's back to you.

9 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. MATEJA:

11 Q. Tony, at the time that you talked with Michael Lang,  
12 okay, in 2010, now, I believe you testified previously you  
13 thought that was on the 26th; is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. That's the 26th of what?

16 A. August, 2010.

17 Q. Okay. And obviously you had a lot of time to kind of go  
18 back through your records and emails and you kind of pieced  
19 things back together; is that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. This isn't just something that automatically just  
22 came to your mind that, oh my gosh, I had a conversation with  
23 Michael Lang on the 26th; is that correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. Okay. Does he walk through what happened with Judge

1 Sanderson, anything of that --

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. I first understood what had happened before Judge  
5 Sanderson when I read VAC's papers.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. I had never seen the transcript. I had never seen the  
8 recommendation. So I didn't know about that.

9 Q. And I mean what you knew back then was what Lang told  
10 you?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And he told you, if I'm remembering this correctly  
13 through your prior testimony, was it was subject to a  
14 protective order, it needed to be snapped back and we didn't  
15 need to have it. Is that right?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. All right. Was that the extent of it to the best of  
18 your recollection?

19 A. Yes. Because my concern was am I going to snap this  
20 back, and if so, on what basis. So I got the information I  
21 needed from him.

22 Q. You mentioned a couple of times to Mr. Cooter, and I'm  
23 quoting, you expected the situation to develop. Okay. And  
24 that was in reference to the fact that Gruber Hurst possessed  
25 the McAlexander report, that it had been snapped back from

1 Combined and Pinnacle, and you expected the situation to  
2 develop.

3 Can you kind of further refine that for the judge?

4 A. Well, I had already had an email exchange with  
5 Christina, which I think was in evidence earlier --

6 Q. Right.

7 A. -- where she had been following up, okay, what about  
8 these license agreements, what about these prior art  
9 documents. And so I knew that they were interested in  
10 getting them.

11 I understood by the 27th of August, when I sent the  
12 letter to her, that this McAlexander report was something  
13 that she would be interested in getting a copy of.

14 And so I assumed that shortly after the snap back she  
15 would come to me and say, "Now I want a copy of it, do what  
16 you need to do to get it," something to that effect.

17 Q. Now, obviously that request did not come, did it?

18 A. It didn't. And -- and it's kind of interesting. What  
19 happens, as I think Ms. Clouston mentioned, we got into very  
20 deep settlement mode in that -- in that case, and we had a  
21 long mediation before the magistrate judge out in Kentucky.  
22 And, actually, I disagree with Ms. Clouston's  
23 characterization of it as unsuccessful. I think we were on  
24 the verge of settling at the end of that meeting and the  
25 judge sent us away to, you know, just reflect on it.

1 And so what -- what actually happened was before we came  
2 back for our next session Ms. Clouston got involved in the  
3 case and the settlement cart -- the settlement carriage went  
4 in the ditch. That's my recollection of what happened. So  
5 we did get into that protracted mode of focusing on  
6 settlement. So I think the parties weren't focused on  
7 discovery issues as they otherwise might have been. But for  
8 one reason or another that request that I had anticipated  
9 didn't come.

10 Q. It didn't come in that case or the Pinnacle case, right?

11 A. It didn't come in the Pinnacle either.

12 Q. The Pinnacle case actually settled a while back; is that  
13 right?

14 A. Yeah. I can't remember when that happened. It was  
15 either as Mr. Reinhold said late 2011 or early 2012.

16 Q. The Combined case, however, continued to continue; is  
17 that correct?

18 A. It did.

19 Q. And -- and tell us what the status of that is.

20 A. Well, as -- I think as Mr. Reinhold pointed out, there  
21 were a number of cases between T-Netix, Securus and Combined,  
22 three, two patent suits, one tortious interference suit, all  
23 in federal court in Kentucky. And we had tried in vein to  
24 settle the patent cases on a number of occasions. But the  
25 magistrate judge in the tortious interference case ordered a

1 mediation in that case, and that was conducted by the  
2 magistrate judge in the Bowling Green division. He was able  
3 to -- to get the case settled.

4 So on the 5th of February, this year, a mediation  
5 agreement was signed by the parties. And I drafted a very  
6 elaborate license agreement to go along with it and it's --  
7 that -- that agreement is going back and forth in the course  
8 of being nailed down. In fact, we had a status conference in  
9 the Kentucky patent cases a week or so ago at which we  
10 explained the status to the magistrate judge there and he's  
11 basically entered a docket -- put in a docket entry saying  
12 the case has settled, parties are working on the formal  
13 settlement documents. And he's given us until a date in  
14 April, I think April the 12th, to file dismissal papers.

15 Q. As long as either one of those cases existed did you  
16 feel as though you could destroy the McAlexander report?

17 A. No. I -- I felt I had to -- I had to keep it, so that  
18 if -- if the judge in either of those cases ordered that it  
19 should be produced that it actually existed. I don't know  
20 that anybody else had it. I mean, I -- I just knew about the  
21 copy I had.

22 Q. Okay. And -- and you told the court earlier that you  
23 basically sat on the document.

24 Did that -- did you do anything with that document at  
25 any other litigation with respect to any third party, with



1 respect to Securus or T-Netix?

2 Did you do anything with the electronic copy, other than  
3 sit on it?

4 A. No. In fact, I haven't even read the document.

5 And as far as I know nobody that currently works at the  
6 firm has even read it or looked at it.

7 MR. MATEJA: Pass the witness, Your Honor.

8 MR. LOWENSTEIN: No further questions, Your Honor.

9 MR. COOTER: No.

10 THE COURT: You may step down.

11 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

12 MR. MATEJA: Gruber Hurst rests, Your Honor.

13 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Your Honor, I have no witnesses.

14 There is a document which is the settlement agreement  
15 we've been discussing -- if I can get out of here I'll  
16 approach the podium.

17 THE COURT: How'd you get stuck over there anyway?

18 MR. LOWENSTEIN: The very short straw, Your Honor.

19 The settlement agreement we've been discussing between  
20 these parties, Your Honor, that resulted in 2008 has got a  
21 confidentiality provision in it. Because it's got that in  
22 there and because of the kind of proceeding we're going  
23 through anyway I didn't want to pop it out and try to start  
24 introducing it. So I have not had a discussion with VAC  
25 about this.

1           There are only a handful of provisions I would like to  
2 bring to the court's attention which have to do with the  
3 disclaimer of representations that is included in this  
4 agreement.

5           THE COURT: The question is does your -- it's the  
6 subject of a protective order?

7           MR. LOWENSTEIN: No.

8           THE COURT: Okay.

9           MR. LOWENSTEIN: It's got a confidentiality  
10 provision and it says the court can order me to -- to produce  
11 it or -- let me hand it, just so that you guys aren't working  
12 in a vacuum.

13           But I can read you the confidentiality provision, if you  
14 would like, but it -- it basically says the terms of it are  
15 confidential and it can't be produced unless the parties  
16 agree to it or -- let me see -- As required by law or a third  
17 party to which all or substantially all of its assets are  
18 sold. So I didn't want to offer it. There are a handful of  
19 provisions. My proposals are to provide the court a  
20 redacted version that only has those provisions that I want  
21 to rely on with respect to the disclaimer of reliance or read  
22 those provisions into the record, whatever satisfies VAC and  
23 the court, just so we can get those provisions before the  
24 court.

25           THE COURT: And have y'all talked about it yet?

1 MR. LOWENSTEIN: We haven't, Your Honor. I  
2 apologize. It did not occur to me until I was sitting in  
3 your jury box exactly what to do with it. I did bring copies  
4 of it in the event it was brought up, but as far as what I  
5 really cared about getting in front of you, that was really  
6 it. It -- it -- it's three paragraphs -- well, four  
7 paragraphs in the contract that have nothing to do with the  
8 financial terms or the license or anything else, so I did not  
9 want to give the court the entire thing.

10 MR. COOTER: Obviously we haven't reviewed it, the  
11 first I've heard about it, but we'd have to talk to the  
12 client about it anyway. So we're going to be -- we're going  
13 to be making submissions to you over the next couple of weeks  
14 and if you would just -- you know, if he gives us whatever it  
15 is he wants to do then we can respond to it with you at some  
16 time during that next two-week period. We would be happy to  
17 do it.

18 THE COURT: We -- we can do that.

19 And if it looks like you're not going to be able to get  
20 an agreement let me know why it's important in a motion and  
21 it could be that you could get the order that you need, if  
22 it's -- if you need to.

23 MR. LOWENSTEIN: I appreciate that, Your Honor. I  
24 just didn't want to close our evidence without leaving that  
25 dangling piece of evidence out there.

1 THE COURT: So dangling.

2 MR. LOWENSTEIN: So the Securus parties rest, Your  
3 Honor.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MR. COOTER: Can we take up just a little  
6 housekeeping, while we have you for a few minutes.

7 If I understand what you've instructed us to do -- I  
8 just want to make sure that this is what you've instructed us  
9 to do, is that you want briefs by us, and the dates that  
10 you've said, on essentially two issues, and that is whether  
11 or not a contempt can be rendered against Gruber party -- or  
12 excuse me, Gruber Hurst as a nonsignatory to the protective  
13 order --

14 THE COURT: Not quite.

15 MR. COOTER: Not quite. Okay. Well, that's why  
16 we're trying to clarify.

17 THE COURT: In my mind the issue is whether or not  
18 Gruber -- Gruber Hurst is subject to it, the provisions of a  
19 protective order, and taking into consideration in your  
20 brief, you know, the facts that were developed here regarding  
21 the previous position VAC has taken.

22 MR. COOTER: And Gruber Hurst, I suppose.

23 THE COURT: And whether VAC is estopped now from  
24 it, since it --

25 MR. COOTER: All right.

1 THE COURT: -- it would appear at first blush that  
2 a judge relied on those representations, so . . .

3 MR. COOTER: Right. Okay. She's asking further  
4 clarification, because she's --

5 THE COURT: I'm sorry?

6 MR. COOTER: My partner is asking further  
7 clarification because she's got to write the brief.

8 THE COURT: Got you.

9 MS. MANGOLD: Was there a second issue, Your Honor,  
10 also about the availability of -- in the order here as to the  
11 individuals --

12 MR. COOTER: Well, not just -- it would be as to  
13 Smith, Reinhold and the actual signatories to the agreement,  
14 which would be Securus and T-Netix. I mean, they're on the  
15 document.

16 Do you need that briefed?

17 THE COURT: I mean, I'm prepared to go with -- with  
18 what I've heard here, but I know that you hadn't heard that  
19 argument before this morning --

20 MR. COOTER: Right.

21 THE COURT: -- and so my purpose was to give you  
22 an opportunity --

23 MR. COOTER: Okay.

24 THE COURT: -- to respond to what was -- what was  
25 new.

1 MS. MANGOLD: Thank you, Your Honor.

2 MR. COOTER: Thank you.

3 THE COURT: And then -- and then I gave until March  
4 8th to respond to any brief that was submitted.

5 MS. BROWN: Your Honor, just so it seems like  
6 that's one issue.

7 And then the second issue had to do with whether a  
8 misrepresentation was made to the court?

9 THE COURT: Right.

10 MS. BROWN: Do we -- you would like briefing on  
11 that if we --

12 THE COURT: I would. I -- I -- I want to know, I  
13 do. And I think we probably asked enough questions about it  
14 that it's probably clear what I was thinking about it.

15 And I know you've put some evidence in, so if you could  
16 discuss that as well as what -- if -- any recourse the court  
17 might have -- any recourse the court has, if any, that's too  
18 many anys, you know what I mean, to possibly impose sanctions  
19 for violation of Judge Sanderson's directive. In his FCR  
20 that's what he calls it, a directive.

21 MS. BROWN: Right.

22 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, just, if you don't mind,  
23 to that point, I mean, there's no evidence in the record that  
24 either Mr. Tautfest or Ms. Miller didn't do what they said  
25 that they did. And I -- I bet you everybody in this

1 courtroom believes that they believe that they had deleted  
2 the document.

3 THE COURT: Well, there's no evidence in the record  
4 that they intentionally or willfully or -- didn't do it.

5 MR. MATEJA: Right. Right.

6 THE COURT: But the fact that it exists I think is  
7 circumstantial evidence that it didn't happen. That's just  
8 me thinking based on what I've heard here.

9 MR. MATEJA: And I agree.

10 THE COURT: Yeah.

11 MR. MATEJA: I mean, it's possible that they didn't  
12 do that. It's just that there's no evidence beyond just that  
13 circumstance. And if there was to be a Rule 11 motion for  
14 sanctions, for example, that the court -- I mean, that they  
15 filed or that you did sua sponte, I mean, as I understand  
16 Rule 11 is that there would have to be some sort of intent.  
17 There would have to be some sort of willful, deliberate  
18 conduct that just is not present in this case. I mean, we  
19 can brief this.

20 THE COURT: Tell me about it.

21 MR. MATEJA: I mean, --

22 THE COURT: Tell me about it.

23 MR. MATEJA: -- all I'm just going to do is tell  
24 you the testimony that we heard and that they didn't put on  
25 any evidence to --

1 THE COURT: Okay. And that would give them a  
2 chance to respond and me a chance to decide whether or not I  
3 agree with you. That's all I ask, is that you tell me about  
4 it.

5 MR. MATEJA: Your Honor, another little  
6 housekeeping matter. In your binder I have prepared kind of  
7 our position on the legal issues and the facts that I  
8 would --

9 THE COURT: It's one of the -- oh, okay.

10 MR. MATEJA: -- that I would bring to your  
11 attention.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MR. MATEJA: As you know, I got into this case a  
14 little bit later and I think I've been able to kind of refine  
15 exactly where we stand.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MR. MATEJA: The only thing it doesn't do the job  
18 on is estoppel and the issues in front of the court.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 MR. MATEJA: So we'll -- we'll brief that along  
21 with the other issue, but we would commend that position  
22 statement to you.

23 And I think -- yes. And we've given a copy of that  
24 position statement as well to opposing counsel and counsel  
25 for Securus/T-Netix. And I think that's it.



1 THE COURT: Okay. And, Mr. Lowenstein, if you  
2 decide that you don't want to brief, don't feel like you have  
3 to brief any issue just because you've been a party here. So  
4 it's up to you.

5 MR. LOWENSTEIN: I appreciate that, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Housekeeping matters done, are  
7 we ready to adjourn?

8 MR. MATEJA: Let's call it a day, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Well, we are adjourned pending  
10 all the submissions we've discussed.

11 And thank you-all.

12 (End of proceedings.)

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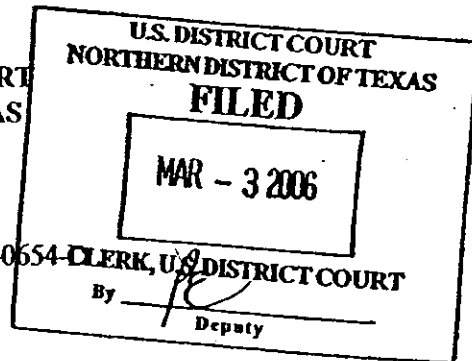
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION



T-NETIX, INC.,

Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant,

v.

VALUE-ADDED  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff,

v.

SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

Counter-Defendant.

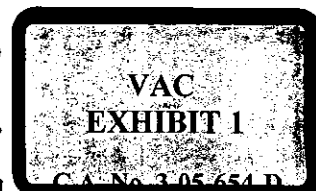
Case No. 3:05-cv-00654-CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
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AGREED PROTECTIVE ORDER

To expedite the flow of discovery material, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that only materials the parties are entitled to keep confidential are subject to such treatment, and to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonably necessary uses of such materials in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), it is hereby **ORDERED THAT**:

INFORMATION SUBJECT TO THIS ORDER

1. For purposes of this Order, "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION" shall mean all information or material which is produced for or disclosed to a receiving party; which a producing party, including any party to this action and any nonparty producing information or material voluntarily or pursuant to a subpoena or a court order, considers to constitute or to contain trade secrets or other confidential research, development, or commercial information, whether embodied in physical objects, documents, or the factual knowledge of persons; and



which has been so designated by the producing party. Any **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** obtained by any party from any person pursuant to discovery in this litigation may be used only for purposes of preparation and litigation of this matter.

2. Any document or tangible thing containing or including any **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** may be designated as such by the producing party by marking it "**CONFIDENTIAL**" (or "**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**") prior to or at the time copies are furnished to the receiving party. Information meeting the criteria in Paragraph 16 for **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** may likewise be so marked.

3. At the request of any party, the original and all copies of any deposition transcript, in whole or in part, shall be marked "**CONFIDENTIAL**" (or "**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**") or "**COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**" by the reporter. Any portions so designated shall thereafter be separated and treated in accordance with the terms of this Order.

4. All **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** not reduced to documentary, tangible or physical form or which cannot be conveniently designated as set forth in Paragraph 2, shall be designated by the producing party by informing the receiving party of the designation in writing.

5. Any documents (including physical objects) made available for initial inspection by counsel for the receiving party prior to producing copies of selected items shall initially be considered, as a whole, to constitute **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and shall be subject to this Order. Thereafter, the producing party shall have a reasonable time to review and designate the appropriate documents as **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** prior to furnishing copies to the receiving party.

6. The following information is not **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**:

- (a) any information which at the time of disclosure to a receiving party is in the public domain;
- (b) any information which after disclosure to a receiving party becomes part of the public domain as a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order; and
- (c) any information which a receiving party can show was received by it, whether before or after the disclosure, from a source who obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the producing party.

**NO WAIVER OF PRIVILEGE**

7. Inspection or production of documents (including physical objects) shall not constitute a waiver of the attorney-client privilege or work product immunity or any other applicable privilege or immunity from discovery if, as soon as reasonably possible after the producing party becomes aware of any inadvertent or unintentional disclosure, the producing party designates any such documents as within the attorney-client privilege or work product immunity or any other applicable privilege or immunity and requests return of such documents to the producing party. Upon request by the producing party, the receiving party shall immediately return all copies of such inadvertently produced document(s). Nothing herein shall prevent the receiving party from challenging the propriety of the attorney-client privilege or work product immunity or other applicable privilege or immunity designation by submitting a written challenge to the Court.

**DISCOVERY RULES REMAIN UNCHANGED**

8. Nothing herein shall alter or change in any way the discovery provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Identification of any individual pursuant to this Protective Order does not make that individual available for deposition or any other form of discovery outside of the restrictions and procedures of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, and the Court's Deadlines for Docket Control Order and Discovery Order.

**PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**Counsel**

9. Counsel for a receiving party shall have access to the producing party's **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**. The term "counsel" shall mean only outside attorneys retained by the parties to work on this litigation, including supporting personnel employed by the outside counsel, such as technical advisers, paralegals, legal translators, legal secretary, legal clerk and shorthand reporter, or an independent legal translator retained to translate in connection with this action, or an independent shorthand reporter retained to record and transcribe testimony in connection with this action.

**Technical Advisers**

10. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** of a producing party, and such copies as are reasonably necessary for maintaining, defending or evaluating this litigation, may be furnished and disclosed to technical advisers. The term "technical adviser" shall mean any outside person (who is not an employee of a party) and their engineering, technical, accounting, or financial support personnel, including, but not limited to, a proposed expert witness or consultant with whom counsel may



deem it necessary to consult concerning technical, financial, or other aspects of this case for the preparation or trial thereof.

11. Should counsel for a receiving party find it necessary for maintaining, defending or evaluating this litigation to disclose a producing party's **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** to any of the persons or services described in Paragraph 10, counsel for the receiving party shall first obtain from such person or service a written Confidentiality Agreement, in the form attached hereto as Attachment A. Such written agreement shall be retained by counsel for the receiving party, but must be disclosed to the producing party within seven (7) days after execution (with the exception of any written agreements signed by consulting-only experts which must be retained by counsel for the receiving party until after final appeal).

**Employees of Parties**

12. Subject to the requirements set forth in this Order, **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** of a producing party, (but not **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**), and such copies as are reasonably necessary for maintaining, defending or evaluating this litigation, may be furnished and disclosed by counsel for a receiving party, to individuals who are employees of such receiving party with responsibility for maintaining, defending or evaluating this litigation (and supporting personnel).

13. Should counsel for a receiving party find it necessary for maintaining, defending or evaluating this litigation to disclose a producing party's **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** to an individual identified in Paragraph 12, counsel for the receiving party shall first obtain from such individual a Confidentiality Agreement, in the form attached hereto as Attachment A, stating that he or she has read and understands this Order and agrees to be

bound by its terms. Such written agreement shall be retained by counsel for the receiving party and must be disclosed to the producing party within seven (7) days after execution.

**Data Processing Vendors and Graphics/Trial Consultants**

14. Subject to the requirements set forth in this Order, **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** of a producing party, and such copies as are reasonably necessary for maintaining, defending or evaluating this litigation, may be furnished and disclosed to data processing vendors; graphics or design services retained by counsel for purposes of preparing demonstrative or other exhibits for deposition, trial, or other court proceedings in this action; or non-technical jury or trial consulting services, including mock jurors. The term "data processing vendor" means any person (and supporting personnel) who is a member or staff of an outside data entry or data processing entity employed or retained by a receiving party or its counsel and who is assisting in the development or use of data retrieval systems in connection with this action.

15. Should counsel for a receiving party find it necessary for maintaining, defending or evaluating this litigation to disclose a producing party's **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** to any of the persons or services described in Paragraph 14, counsel for the receiving party shall first obtain from such person or service a written Confidentiality Agreement, in the form attached hereto as Attachment A. Such written agreement shall be retained by counsel for the receiving party, but need not be disclosed to the producing party until the conclusion of the case.

**INFORMATION DESIGNATED COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

16. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** may be additionally designated **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** (by labeling it **COUNSEL ONLY** or **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL** or similar designation clearly transmitted in writing to

the other parties). The **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** designation is reserved for information that constitutes proprietary financial or technical or commercially sensitive competitive information that the producing party maintains as highly confidential in its business, including but not limited to, information obtained from a nonparty pursuant to a current Nondisclosure Agreement ("NDA"), information relating to future products not yet commercially released, strategic plans, codes, technical documents that would reveal trade secrets or other confidential research, development or commercial information, and settlement agreements or settlement communications, the disclosure of which is likely to cause harm to the competitive position of the producing party or a third party's business or personal interests. Documents designated **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and contents thereof shall be available only to counsel for the parties, the technical advisers who are assisting them, data processing vendors and graphics and trial consultants.

#### **CHALLENGES TO CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

17. The parties will use reasonable care when designating documents or information as **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**. Nothing in this Order shall prevent a receiving party from contending that any or all documents or information designated as **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** have been improperly designated. A receiving party may at any time request that the producing party cancel or modify the confidentiality designation with respect to any document or information contained therein.

18. A party shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of a **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** designation at the time made, and a failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge

thereto. Such a challenge shall be written, shall be served on counsel for the producing party, and shall particularly identify the documents or information that the receiving party contends should be differently designated. The parties shall use their best efforts to resolve promptly and informally such disputes. If agreement cannot be reached, the receiving party shall request that the Court cancel or modify a **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** designation.

**LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND COUNSEL  
ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

19. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** shall be held in confidence by each person to whom it is disclosed, shall be used only for purposes of this litigation, shall not be used for any business or other purpose, and shall not be disclosed to any person who is not entitled to receive such information as expressly provided herein. All produced **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** shall be carefully maintained so as to preclude access by persons who are not entitled to receive such information. However, ~~nothing in this Order shall prevent any outside court reporter, videographer, mediator~~ and their employees, or the Court, any employee of the Court or any juror from reviewing any evidence in this case for the purpose of this litigation. Further, nothing in this Order shall impact one way or another on the admissibility of any document or other evidence at any hearing or at trial. Court reporters and videographers not employed by the Court must execute a written Confidentiality Agreement, in the form attached hereto as Attachment A.

20. Except as may be otherwise ordered by the Court, any person may be examined as a witness at depositions and trial and may testify concerning all **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** of

which such person has prior knowledge. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (a) A present director, officer, and/or employee of a producing party may be examined and may testify concerning all **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** which has been produced by that party;
- (b) A former director, officer, agent and/or employee of a producing party may be interviewed, examined and may testify concerning all **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** of a producing party which he or she had prior knowledge during the course of his or her employment, including any **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** that refers to matters of which the witness has personal knowledge, which has been produced by that party and which pertains to the period or periods of his or her employment; and
- (c) Non-parties may be examined or testify concerning any document containing **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** of a producing party which appears on its face or from other documents or testimony to have been received from or communicated to the nonparty as a result of any contact or relationship with the producing party, or a representative of such producing party. Any person other than the witness, his or her attorney(s), and any person qualified to receive **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** under this Order shall be excluded from the portion of the examination concerning such information, unless the producing party consents to persons other than qualified recipients being present at the examination. If the witness is represented by an attorney who is not qualified under this Order to receive such information, then prior to the examination, the attorney shall be requested to provide a Confidentiality Agreement, in the form of Attachment A hereto, that he or she will comply with the terms of this Order and maintain the confidentiality of **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** disclosed during the course of the examination. In the event that such attorney declines to sign such a Confidentiality Agreement, prior to the examination, the parties, by their attorneys, shall jointly seek a protective Order from the Court prohibiting such attorney from disclosing such **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**.

(d) In addition to the restrictions on the uses of all types of **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** set forth in this Order, the following shall apply to the use of documents a party has designated **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** at a deposition:

- (i) A witness who previously had access to a document designated **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**, but who is not under a present non-disclosure agreement with the

producing party that covers that document, may be shown the document if a copy of this protective order is attached to any subpoena or notice or request served on the witness for the deposition and the witness is advised on the record of the existence of the protective order and that the protective order requires the parties to keep confidential any questions, testimony or documents that are designated as **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**.

- (ii) The witnesses may not copy, take notes on or retain copies of any **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** used or reviewed at the deposition. The witness may not take out of the deposition room any exhibit that is marked **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**. The producing party of any **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** used at the deposition may also require that the transcript and exhibits not be copied by the witness or his counsel, that no notes may be made of the transcript or the exhibits, and that the transcript and exhibits may only be reviewed by the witness in the offices of one of the counsel representing a party in this case (or another firm acting for one of the counsel representing a party in his case and under the

supervision of one of the counsel who is bound by the terms of the order).

21. All transcripts of depositions, exhibits, answers to interrogatories, pleadings, briefs, and other documents submitted to the Court which have been designated as **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or which contain information so designated, shall be filed in sealed envelopes or other appropriate sealed containers on which shall be endorsed the title of this matter, an indication of the nature of the contents of such sealed envelope or other container, the words "**CONFIDENTIAL [OR COUNSEL EYES ONLY] INFORMATION - UNDER PROTECTIVE ORDER**" and a statement substantially in the following form:

This envelope contains confidential information filed in this case by [name of party] and is not to be opened nor the contents thereof to be displayed or revealed except by order of the Court presiding over this matter.

22. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit the transmission or communication of **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** between or among qualified recipients.

- (a) by hand-delivery;
- (b) in sealed envelopes or containers via the mails or an established freight, delivery or messenger service; or
- (c) by telephone, telegraph, facsimile or other electronic transmission system; where, under the circumstances, there is no reasonable likelihood that the transmission will be intercepted or misused by any person who is not a qualified recipient.

23. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** shall not be copied or otherwise reproduced by a



receiving party, except for transmission to qualified recipients, without the written permission of the producing party, or, in the alternative, by further order of the Court. Nothing herein shall, however, restrict a qualified recipient from making working copies, abstracts, digests and analyses of **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** for use in connection with this litigation and such working copies, abstracts, digests and analyses shall be deemed to be the same level of **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** under the terms of this Order as the original documents upon which such work product was based. Further, nothing herein shall restrict a qualified recipient from converting or translating **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** into machine readable form for incorporation into a data retrieval system used in connection with this action, provided that access to **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**, in whatever form stored or reproduced, shall be limited to qualified recipients.

**NONPARTY USE OF THIS PROTECTIVE ORDER**

24. A nonparty producing information or material voluntarily or pursuant to a subpoena or a court order may designate such material or information in the same manner and shall receive the same level of protection under this Protective Order as any party to this lawsuit.

25. A nonparty's use of this Protective Order to protect its **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** does not entitle that nonparty access to **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** produced by any party in this case.

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

26. Within sixty (60) days after the entry of a final non-appealable judgment or order, or the complete settlement of all claims asserted against all parties in this action, each party shall, at its option, either return to the producing party or destroy all physical objects and documents which embody **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** which were received from the producing party, and shall destroy in whatever form stored or reproduced, all other physical objects and documents, including but not limited to, correspondence, memoranda, notes, databases and any other work product materials, which contain or refer to **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**; provided, that all **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**, not embodied in physical objects and documents, shall remain subject to this Order. Notwithstanding the foregoing, counsel shall be entitled to maintain copies of all pleadings, motions and trial briefs (including all supporting and opposing papers and exhibits thereto), written discovery requests and responses (and exhibits thereto), deposition transcripts (and exhibits thereto) trial transcripts, and exhibits offered or introduced into evidence at trial.

27. This Order is entered without prejudice to the right of any party to apply to the Court at any time for additional protection, or to relax or rescind the restrictions of this Order, when convenience or necessity requires. The Court shall take appropriate measures to protect **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** at trial and any hearing in this case.

28. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, is responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of this Protective Order. All disputes concerning **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY**

**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** produced under the protection of this Protective Order shall be resolved by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.

29.  
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DEFENDANT SECURUS  
TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

IT IS SO ORDERED, with the consent of the parties, this 3rd day of March, 2006.

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Unless this order includes a clause that explicitly states that a particular local civil rule is modified as applied to this case, nothing in this order shall be construed to modify the provisions, operation, or effect of any local civil rule of this court.

Sidney Fitzwater  
Honorable Sidney Fitzwater  
United States District Court

### CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, state:

1. I reside at \_\_\_\_\_;
2. My present employer is \_\_\_\_\_;
3. My present occupation or job description is \_\_\_\_\_;
4. I agree to keep confidential all information provided to me in the matter of

*T-NETIX, Inc. v. Value-Added Communications, Inc., et al.* and to be subject to the authority of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division in the event of any violation of this agreement or dispute related to this agreement.

5. I have been informed of and read the Stipulated Protective Order dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, and I will not divulge any confidential information to persons other than those specifically authorized by said Order.

6. I state under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ 200\_\_.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

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3 T-NETIX, INC, ) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER  
4 Plaintiff, )  
5 VERSUS ) 3:05-CV-00654  
6 VALUE-ADDED COMMUNICATIONS, INC., )  
7 Defendant. ) April 16, 2008  
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TRANSCRIPT OF MOTIONS HEARING  
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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 PROCEEDINGS:

2 THE COURT: We have on the docket here this  
3 morning the case of T-Netix, Incorporated versus Value-Added  
4 Communications. This is number 3-05-CV-654-D.

5 A couple of matters. First of all, we have the  
6 Plaintiff's Emergency Motion to Modify Agreed Protective Order  
7 that is document number 117, filed on the docket on October  
8 9th, 2007. And then we also have VAC's Motion to Enforce the  
9 Protective Order that was filed as docket number 155 on  
10 December 28, 2007.

11 First of all, just for the record, let me have  
12 counsel for T-Netix identify themselves for the record.

13 MR. BOWERS: Your Honor, Mike Bowers with the  
14 law firm of Bell Nunnally and Martin.

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 MR. PITTMAN: Your Honor, Aubry Pittman with the  
17 law firm of the Pittman Law Firm.

18 THE COURT: All right. And for the defendant,  
19 Value-Added.

20 MR. TURNER: Yes, Your Honor. Robert Turner for  
21 Jones Day, and this is Stefanie Clouston from Jones Day. And  
22 we have Chris Groves back here and Sean Whyte.

23 THE COURT: All right.

24 MR. LOWENSTEIN: Also, Jeffrey Lowenstein with  
25 the law firm of Bell Nunnally and Martin for T-Netix.

1 THE COURT: All right. Fine.

2 Well, I think I'm going to take up the VAC's  
3 motion first. It seems to me that may involve more testimony  
4 and evidentiary issues, so I think we'll take that one up  
5 first.

6 Let me just say as ground rules, of course, both  
7 sides have filed extensive pleadings relative to these motions  
8 with attachments. Certainly I have enough paperwork to work  
9 with. So I would appreciate that in the event that there are  
10 documents to be presented or examined, that you simply refer to  
11 the page -- appendix page in your pleadings so that obviously  
12 if a witness needs to take a look at them as exhibit, then  
13 certainly that's fine. But I don't think there's any need or  
14 occasion to make the record any larger than it currently is  
15 since most of these exhibits may already be a part of the  
16 appendix.

17 Of course, if there is a new document that needs  
18 to be marked and admitted, that's a different thing, but I just  
19 want to avoid, to the extent possible, redundancy of the  
20 exhibits here.

21 So let me -- Mr. Turner, do you wish to say  
22 anything before we hear from any witnesses on your motion?

23 MR. TURNER: Yes, Your Honor. Ms. Clouston has  
24 an opening statement.

25 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Clouston, be glad to



1 hear from you.

2 MS. CLOUSTON: Thank you, Judge Sanderson.

3 As just kind of first an overview of what we are  
4 doing today and the unfortunate circumstances that bring us  
5 here today, we have an agreed protective order that was entered  
6 by this court on March 6 of 2006, Your Honor. And we are  
7 moving for the enforcement of the agreed protective order that  
8 was agreed to by the parties in this case, agreed to by the  
9 counsel involved in this case, the Bell Nunnally and Martin  
10 firm and the Pittman Law Firm, counsel for T-Netix and Securus,  
11 as well as Jones Day on behalf of Value-Added Communications.

12 Your Honor, Value-Added Communications, T-Netix,  
13 Securus are all direct competitors in the prison  
14 telecommunications space.

15 The case that is very clear, Thearead  
16 (phonetic), protective orders, such as the one that's been  
17 entered by this court, should be enforced and really not only  
18 for the protection of the litigants in that case, but for the  
19 entire discovery process of these courts, that it's very  
20 important that the litigants can rely upon the protective  
21 order, rely upon the assurances that the protective order will  
22 be adhered to in that it will not be improperly used or  
23 disclosed and without -- especially in our particular  
24 circumstances, without any notice to Value-Added Communications  
25 or Jones Day, VAC's counsel, so that we could try to minimize

1 the harm or prohibit the improper disclosures that were made.

2           There are really two known forums where improper  
3 disclosures were made in uses of documents and confidential  
4 information that were marked as Confidential and, in most  
5 cases, Attorneys Eyes Only, Restricted Confidential, under our  
6 agreed protective order.

7           And, Your Honor, we have prepared a chart that  
8 has some of the -- to date the known violations by T-Netix,  
9 Securus, and their counsel. And I believe Mr. Whyte was going  
10 to bring up a copy.

11           The two forums that are discussed in our motion  
12 to enforce their agreed protective order, as well as in the  
13 motion to modify the protective order and our motion to stay,  
14 are in another case that is pending in now the 68th Judicial  
15 District Court before Judge Hoffman in state court here,  
16 involving alleged breaches by both parties of a patent license  
17 agreement. That case was filed in 2003 before this case was  
18 filed.

19           In addition, there have been disclosures made in  
20 the Eastern District of Texas lawsuit, of which VAC is not a  
21 party and Jones Day is not involved in that lawsuit as counsel  
22 of record, and that T-Netix and its sister company, Evercom,  
23 are involved in, along with various other competitors and at  
24 least two customers of our client, Value-Added  
25 Communications.

1           The violations that first pertain to our state  
2 court case. The first violations that occurred were in the end  
3 of September of 2007, Your Honor. At that point we had heard  
4 numerous motions for reconsideration by T-Netix to interject  
5 the royalties issues back into that state court case. Those  
6 motions have been denied. Motions to compel, documents  
7 pertaining to line count reports, and also certain financial  
8 documents of Value-Added Communications were also denied by our  
9 former judge, Judge Carlos Cortez of the 44th District Court.

10           At that point all this discovery was deemed  
11 irrelevant by the state court judge. At about the same time we  
12 voluntarily produced documents in this lawsuit pertaining to  
13 their damage claims that they have made in this patent  
14 infringement case, and that included reports that their  
15 expert -- their damages expert was relying on pertaining to  
16 line count reports, VAC's customer information, and financial  
17 information.

18           The counsel involved in this case also  
19 represents T-Netix in our state district court case. They  
20 took, Your Honor, the documents that were produced in this  
21 case, designated as Counsel Eyes Only information, and filed  
22 five different pleadings before then Judge Cortez in the 44th  
23 District Court in support of various arguments they were making  
24 for reconsideration of the royalty orders, reconsideration of  
25 the denying of those documents, and motions to amend pleadings

1 to add new claims in.

2 At that point, also, their experts related to  
3 those claims had also been stricken because the claims were not  
4 relevant in the case.

5 As soon as we discovered that these various  
6 motions had been filed, we immediately raised it with opposing  
7 counsel and made various pleas for them to please take this  
8 information out of the state court record, in addition to not  
9 presenting this at a hearing that we had scheduled on October  
10 2nd of 2007 -- I'm sorry, October 3rd, 2007.

11 At nine a.m. we had a hearing on a motion to  
12 realign the parties that T-Netix had filed at that point. It  
13 was ultimately denied by the next judge, but they had included  
14 among the record either as attachments to the motion. The  
15 attachments were filed under seal in the state court case. The  
16 documents and the information were referred to in the motions  
17 that were not filed under seal, and they were provided to the  
18 state court judge.

19 Again, we sent numerous letters from both myself  
20 and Mr. Turner asking that they please remove this information  
21 from the file, to cooperate with us to make sure it was  
22 expunged from the state court record, and not present this  
23 information before the state court judge.

24 Unfortunately, they proceeded with the, at that  
25 point, the motion to realign. Argued from the evidence that

1 had only been produced in this case. We raised this with Judge  
2 Cortez, saying that they were using information and had  
3 attached information, some of it under seal, and provided  
4 copies of documents that had not, in fact, ever been produced  
5 in the state court case, had been denied access to in the state  
6 court case because the claims had been deemed irrelevant, and  
7 upheld the dismissal with prejudice of those claims in our  
8 favor.

9                   And as a result of all of that, as well as some  
10 other motions, Judge Cortez recused himself voluntarily from  
11 our case.

12                   In addition, despite that we had raised this  
13 with T-Netix's counsel, asked them repeatedly to please take  
14 this information out of the file, they filed a motion to  
15 declassify federally-produced documents before our state court  
16 judge. Asked him to do that without notifying him that, in  
17 fact, ~~these documents had never been produced in the state~~  
18 court case.

19                   All of this, Your Honor, we think doesn't have  
20 to be submitted in the form of a question/answer format because  
21 they're all public filings, pleadings, admissions simply by  
22 T-Netix counsel and hearing transcripts of representations made  
23 to the state court judge, to counsel for VAC, as well as  
24 representations made to this court concerning what happened  
25 with the state court proceeding.

1                   Unfortunately the problem that we've had,  
2 talking about the state court for a moment, is that they  
3 have -- we have repeatedly requested that information not be  
4 used, that it be taken out of the state court file, that they  
5 cooperate with us, enforcing the agreed protective order.

6                   And they have represented to state court judges,  
7 to VAC, and to this court, Your Honor, that they didn't do  
8 anything wrong; that they were entitled or justified in their  
9 actions in that the state court judge could and should consider  
10 this information.

11                   Even after Your Honor's hearing in December of  
12 2007 regarding motion to stay and the motion to modify the  
13 agreed protective order filed by T-Netix after the  
14 declassifications were filed in the state court case, we again  
15 requested before another hearing before our new judge, Judge  
16 Hoffman, in the 68th Judicial District that the documents  
17 ~~please be removed. Please remove them from the file. Please~~  
18 do not argue them. Do not risk having another judge consider  
19 these pleadings.

20                   They went forward with the hearing with the  
21 pleadings still in the file, and it wasn't until after the  
22 motions to realign the parties to amend the pleadings that had  
23 referenced these were denied, at the end of the hearing they  
24 asked for all the documents be taken out of the file.

25                   Judge Hoffman did not review those documents,

1 however, because they were in a box still at the 44th District  
2 Court and were never included among the transfer of those  
3 documents.

4 We did not know if that was the case at the time  
5 and raised that repeatedly with Judge Hoffman as well as  
6 counsel for T-Netix. But, nonetheless, it wasn't until after  
7 all those motions were denied that had included in prior  
8 versions on those pleadings that they finally removed those on  
9 December, I think it was the 19th or 20th, Your Honor, but  
10 those documents were finally removed from the state court.

11 At the same time there were problems occurring  
12 in the Eastern District of Texas case. In fact, we have just  
13 recently, after repeated requests by us, received some  
14 documents from the Gruber Hurst law firm as well as a single  
15 document from the Bell Nunnally law firm. And the Bell  
16 Nunnally document is Appendix 494 to T-Netix's response to  
17 VAC's Motion to Enforce the Agreed Protective Order.

18 And what the Appendix 494 e-mail shows is that  
19 on October 3rd, the very day that our state court judge  
20 voluntarily recused himself as a result of the state court  
21 violations of our agreed protective order in this case,  
22 Mr. Tautfest of the Gruber firm, along with some of his other  
23 colleagues at the Gruber firm, requested from Bell Nunnally to  
24 be provided the expert reports, exhibits, and other discovery  
25 that had been exchanged in our Northern District case.

1           On that day Mr. Lowenstein of the Bell Nunnally  
2 firm informs Mr. Tautfest, with a copy to Mr. Pittman and  
3 various other partners and associates at Bell Nunnally firm and  
4 the Gruber firm, that they could not provide those documents,  
5 and they could not be used in the Eastern District of Texas  
6 case without a violation of the protective order in, quote,  
7 "our case," close quote. And Mr. Lowenstein attaches a copy of  
8 the agreed protective order from this case, Your Honor.

9           Further, Mr. Lowenstein informs the Gruber Hurst  
10 firm that, pursuant to the terms of the protective order, "You  
11 will need to seek leave from Judge Fitzwater before producing  
12 that information," close quote.

13           At this point in time, Your Honor, on  
14 October 3rd, 2007 -- this was in the afternoon at 5:04 p.m. --  
15 it was of the utmost in all of the persons' involved in our  
16 case, in the state case, mind of what the agreed protective  
17 order held, what was a violation of the agreed protective  
18 order, that VAC did not consent to use of its designated  
19 confidential information produced in this case for use in other  
20 cases.

21           With all of that foremost in the counsel on this  
22 case's mind, they produced the documents to Gruber Hurst firm  
23 anyway, knowing that Gruber Hurst wanted those documents to  
24 produce in the Eastern District of Texas case. They also put  
25 on notice at that point in time to the Gruber Hurst firm what



1 the terms of the agreed protective order are in this case in  
2 that the documents could not be produced or used in the Eastern  
3 District of Texas lawsuit, of which VAC is not a party, without  
4 a violation of the agreed protective order entered in this  
5 case.

6           At that point the documents were apparently  
7 provided on or about October 3rd to the Gruber Hurst firm. And  
8 we know that only because on October 5th, 2007, some of the  
9 expert reports, one of which was designated on each and every  
10 page, Restricted Confidential, Outside Counsel's Eyes Only  
11 Information, was, in fact, produced to the other litigants  
12 involved in the Eastern District of Texas case.

13           We were never provided notice that the documents  
14 were, in fact, produced in that case, nor were we provided  
15 notice that Gruber Hurst had Value-Added Communications's  
16 confidential information and documents. And it was only as a  
17 result of us, by happenstance, having another counsel  
18 representing a competitor of our client told us that the  
19 document had been produced that was confidential to VAC in that  
20 case.

21           We worked immediately, informing counsel  
22 involved in this case, informing the Gruber Hurst firm, trying  
23 to minimize the harm, trying to figure out what they, in fact,  
24 had provided, what the Gruber firm had in its files, if the  
25 documents had been provided to anyone else, when they had been

1 provided.

2                   We really have received very little, if any, in  
3 fact, cooperation from counsel in this case about when those  
4 documents were provided to them, what was actually provided,  
5 and if they were provided to anyone else so that we could try  
6 to fix this, really, with the extreme prejudice to our client  
7 of competitors involved in the other cases.

8                   And at the point that the documents were  
9 produced, it's our understanding that a formal agreed  
10 protective order had not even been entered in that case. They  
11 were under Judge Ward's kind of blanket rule that until a  
12 protective order is entered, everything is designated  
13 Restricted Confidential. That there was not a formalized  
14 agreed protective order entered by those parties, and it was  
15 not a result of the cooperation of the firms representing  
16 T-Netix and Securus and their sister company, Evercom, in the  
17 other case, cooperation in telling us that the documents had  
18 been produced. It was us finding out from others.

19                   It appears to us from some more recent documents  
20 that were just produced -- we were able to review them  
21 yesterday from the Gruber Hurst firm -- that -- and we have a  
22 copy, Your Honor, of a few documents. They were Bates numbered  
23 GHJH for the Gruber Hurst firm. -- that the allegation that  
24 T-Netix and T-Netix's counsel have made in this case that they  
25 were, in fact, counsel involved in our case and were entitled

1 to those VAC confidential documents without any notice to us  
2 and without executing the agreed protective order is certainly  
3 questionable.

4           They say in e-mails internally between the  
5 Gruber firm -- and, Sean, do we have a copy for Judge Sanderson  
6 of the most recent documents?

7           These first, it's some internal documents  
8 between Mr. Tautfest of the Gruber Hurst firm and his partners,  
9 Michael Gruber, Michael Lane, and I believe she is an  
10 associate, maybe a partner also, Lisa Miller of the Gruber  
11 Hurst firm, some correspondence between the Gruber Hurst  
12 attorneys that are acknowledging that they had actually  
13 represented to me, Your Honor, that they didn't have any VAC  
14 confidential documents.

15           That was the first position that was taken at  
16 all. Never said that they were counsel involved in our case or  
17 that they were entitled to receive confidential expert reports  
18 and other discovery or exhibits in our case.

19           And also represented to other counsel involved  
20 for competitors of the parties involved in these cases that  
21 whatever the Gruber Hurst firm was permitted by the counsel  
22 involved in this case to get, they would reproduce to the  
23 counsel involved in that case.

24           Again, a period of having acknowledgment that  
25 they were not, in fact, ever counsel in this case, nor did they

1 ever make that representation to anyone on our side until after  
2 October 27th the documents were already produced, and we had  
3 posed a lot of questions to the counsel involved in this case  
4 for T-Netix, as well as the counsel involved in the Eastern  
5 District case of T-Netix that, in fact, they were counsel and  
6 entitled to this information.

7           It also appears that on the October 3rd date  
8 when, either that day or one of the two days after that point,  
9 the Gruber Hurst firm obtained the documents, one of which was  
10 actually produced in the other case on October 5th, that they  
11 didn't know the terms of our agreed protective order. They  
12 were sent that protective order on that day, and they were  
13 informed by counsel on this case that any use of production of  
14 confidential expert reports or exhibits or discovery from our  
15 case, use in the Eastern District case would, in fact, be a  
16 violation of the agreed protective order.

17           Nonetheless, it was, in fact, produced -- yes,  
18 Your Honor.

19           THE COURT: These exhibits here, the Bates  
20 numbers GHJH 1366, you provided obviously a copy. Opposing  
21 counsel is aware that these are -- these are new exhibits, do I  
22 understand?

23           MS. CLOUSTON: Yes, Your Honor. These documents  
24 were just produced by the Gruber Hurst law firm to us very late  
25 on Monday night.

1 THE COURT: I wanted to make sure that they're  
2 not already a part of the appendices. Okay.

3 MS. CLOUSTON: They are not, Your Honor.  
4 There's one document -- one of the documents that was of record  
5 already in the case that was the correspondence between the  
6 Gruber Hurst firm and some of the parties representing the  
7 other defendants involved in the Eastern District of Texas case  
8 who are competitors of VAC's was actually attached to the  
9 appendix filed by T-Netix in response to our motion to enforce  
10 their agreed protective order.

11 And that document was Bates numbered -- in  
12 reproduction it was Bates numbered GHJH 001354 and 1355. It  
13 was also attached to the appendix as -- Sean, T-Netix response  
14 appendix. This is the document that is between Mr. Tautfest  
15 and the other folks involved in the Eastern district of Texas  
16 lawsuit.

17 MR. TAUTFEST: Your Honor, I need to make an  
18 objection. My name is Eric Tautfest. I'm with Gruber Hurst  
19 Johansen & Hail. I also represented T-Netix.

20 The documents that were just handed to you are  
21 attorney/client privileged documents. These documents should  
22 not have been produced yesterday. That was a mistake by my  
23 firm, and I would like to ask that it be given back.

24 I don't think there's anything harmful in there,  
25 but just as a matter that we want to make sure there's no

1 waiver. Ask that these documents --

2 THE COURT: Okay. Well, which document and what  
3 communication are you saying is attorney/client privileged  
4 material?

5 MR. TAUTFEST: Let's see. The documents labeled  
6 GHJH 001380 through 001376 through --

7 THE COURT: Okay. Hold on. 1380, you are  
8 saying, through 1382, is that what we're talking about?

9 MR. TAUTFEST: That's one of them Your Honor.  
10 There are five in total.

11 The next one is 1376 and 1377.

12 Next is 1360 through 1362.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 MR. TAUTFEST: The next is 1363 through  
15 1365.

16 Finally, 1366.

17 THE COURT: So everything given to me at this  
18 point in time you are saying was improperly or inappropriately  
19 provided, that you are now asserting attorney-client privilege  
20 on behalf of your client and the Gruber law firm as to each and  
21 every one of these documents?

22 MR. TAUTFEST: That is correct, Your Honor. I  
23 think what happened was these documents were inadvertently  
24 mixed in with the documents we intended to produce yesterday --  
25 I'm sorry, Monday to Jones Day.

1 THE COURT: Well, I can't imagine a sloppier job  
2 being done, considering all that has occurred, the motions for  
3 protective order to quash. And now you're coming in and  
4 telling me, We screwed it up, and all of these documents here,  
5 which apparently VAC thinks are fairly material now, you are  
6 saying, Well, King's X. We screwed up. These are  
7 attorney/client privileged material.

8 That's basically the gist of it. Every one of  
9 these documents is attorney-client privilege.

10 MR. TAUTFEST: Respectfully, Your Honor, I would  
11 submit that I take major exception to many of the things that  
12 have been represented to you today by Ms. Clouston with regard  
13 to what our firm, Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail, did in the  
14 Eastern District of Texas patent case.

15 THE COURT: Well, I certainly am going to hear  
16 from you and anyone else in your firm. But how many people  
17 from your firm are here today?

18 MR. TAUTFEST: Myself and Mr. Lang.

19 THE COURT: And all of this work that you put in  
20 and now you're telling me everything in these documents I  
21 should not consider because they're attorney/client privileged.  
22 Is that what you're telling me?

23 MR. TAUTFEST: These documents are  
24 attorney-client privilege, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: All right. Well, I think we'll take

1 a break. I want to look at these to see if, in fact, they are  
2 appropriately attorney-client privileged materials.

3 Now, what else are you going to tell me as these  
4 presentations are being made about what Gruber has done  
5 incorrectly up to this point in time?

6 MR. TAUTFEST: Well, Your Honor, specifically  
7 what happened was we have two patents in another lawsuit in the  
8 Eastern District of Texas that overlap with patents that are  
9 being asserted in this case, specifically the '702 patent and  
10 '323 patent.

11 So the defendants in the Eastern District of  
12 Texas case, of course, know about the Northern District's  
13 lawsuit that asserts the same patents and have requested from  
14 us that we produce discovery, expert reports, and other  
15 information regarding those two patents '702 and '323, that  
16 were produced in the Northern District case, that we produce  
17 those in the Eastern District case.

18 So, of course, we requested those documents from  
19 Bell Nunnally. They gave them to us, our firm, because we also  
20 are assisting and are counsel in the Northern District case  
21 because we have overlapping patent issues. So we have to  
22 coordinate together, we have to work together to make sure that  
23 we don't take inconsistent positions, those kinds of things.

24 I have attended depositions in the Northern  
25 District case. We haven't made an appearance, but we still are



1 working --

2 THE COURT: Are those subject to a protective  
3 order that no one was supposed to be there except counsel and  
4 representatives?

5 MR. TAUTFEST: I believe some of those  
6 depositions were designated confidential. I attended those  
7 depositions along with the assistant general counsel of T-Netix  
8 and Ms. Clouston, and we took those depositions, and no  
9 objection was made.

10 I want to make it very clear, Your Honor. The  
11 only thing that we produced in our case that should not have  
12 been produced --

13 THE COURT: Well, no. You are going to have an  
14 opportunity to respond. I am taking a recess so that I can  
15 look at what you have now lately raised is attorney-client  
16 privileged material after it was submitted to me by opposing  
17 counsel.

18 So it looks like we've got several pages here,  
19 so we'll take about a 15 minute recess.

20 (A break was held.)

21 THE COURT: All right. During the break I have  
22 reviewed the Bates numbered pages of e-mails that were  
23 submitted by VAC's counsel in her argument. I have reviewed  
24 these. I can not understand how it is possible for  
25 Mr. Tautfest to argue that an e-mail from Jones Day to

1 Mr. Gruber is protected by attorney-client privilege.

2 Of course, these several pages, there is some  
3 redundancy comment which probably is not relevant one way or  
4 the other, but he was asked in his e-mail from Mr. Gruber on  
5 10-27 to speak with Stephanie, which I assume is VAC's counsel  
6 here, to speak with her. A reply that he was "schmoozing with  
7 Judge Ward at the Eastern District bar conference, but I will  
8 call Stephanie during a break, no problem." I can't understand  
9 how that falls within attorney-client privilege.

10 Basically, Mr. Tautfest, I think whoever went  
11 through these to begin with correctly provided these. There is  
12 no attorney-client privilege as to these documents. That sort  
13 of has broken up the line of questioning -- not questioning,  
14 but presentation, but I certainly will consider each one of  
15 these documents.

16 MS. CLOUSTON: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 One of the documents that we have submitted and  
18 Your Honor is considering is Bates numbered GHJH 001367. And  
19 the response to -- which is e-mail from Mr. Tautfest at the  
20 Gruber firm to the Bell Nunnally firm attorneys, with copies to  
21 other Gruber attorneys, as well, asking or giving a proposal of  
22 the response letter that they plan to send to me, Your Honor,  
23 regarding the production of VAC's confidential information in  
24 the Eastern District case.

25 In the original proposal of what would have been

1 sent, Your Honor, to me, the Gruber firm does not state, nor  
2 anywhere do they try to assert that they are counsel in our  
3 case, that they were entitled to receive the confidential  
4 information.

5           We see from the correspondence internally  
6 between the Gruber firm attorneys that, in fact, they were  
7 saying they didn't think they had anything confidential. They  
8 weren't saying they were entitled to it. That was exactly the  
9 representations made to me in communications, telephone  
10 communications I had with lawyers from the Gruber firm.

11           It is in the response e-mail and the revisions  
12 made by the attorneys in this case to the proposed letter from  
13 the Gruber firm to me where they add the language that they are  
14 counsel in this case, that they are entitled to receive  
15 confidential communications and confidential documents  
16 belonging to VAC and reports in this case, and that they have  
17 entered the agreed protective order.

18           And they state along those lines -- the Bell  
19 Nunnally firm also adds the note to me that says something  
20 along the lines of, as you know, Gruber firm is participating  
21 in this case, is counsel in this case, and has executed the  
22 agreed protective order.

23           None of that was in the original communications  
24 between myself and Mr. Turner and the Gruber firm in the  
25 depositions or in the immediate telephone conferences that

1 regarded this unfortunate circumstance were documents were  
2 produced in the Eastern District case. It is not until that  
3 information is added in by the attorneys in this case that they  
4 make for the very first time some allegation or response to us  
5 that they're counsel in the case and they're entitled to this  
6 information.

7           Mr. Tautfest made a representation a moment ago  
8 about attending some depositions in our case. Attached to the  
9 appendix to their response, Your Honor, so I cite to the proper  
10 appendix pages, are the excerpts showing who, in fact, appeared  
11 on behalf of T-Netix and Securus at the depositions in our  
12 case. And those are exhibits to T-Netix's response to our  
13 Motion to Enforce the Agreed Protective Order. It is Exhibit  
14 F, appendix number 470 to 474; appendix T or Exhibit T,  
15 appendix pages 475 to 479; Exhibit U, appendix 480 to 482;  
16 appendix number 483 to 487; and, last, Exhibit W, appendix 488  
17 to 492, all in ~~T-Netix's response to our Motion to Enforce the~~  
18 Agreed Protective Order.

19           THE COURT: Well, is that going to also say who  
20 all was present at the depositions? Not only the persons that  
21 were counsel representing, but also all persons that were  
22 present at those?

23           MS. CLOUSTON: That is correct, Your Honor. And  
24 what -- first of all, every one of these depositions are  
25 representatives of their client. None of VAC's confidential

1 information was, of course, ever used in any of those  
2 depositions.

3 I met Mr. Tautfest for the first time at the  
4 deposition of Minerva Walker, which was the first deposition  
5 taken in this case. Actually, originally I thought maybe he  
6 was with Bell Nunnally because there were a lot of attorneys  
7 there. First break I met Mr. Tautfest. He told me that this  
8 was a witness that may be relevant to a patent in their case,  
9 the Eastern District of Texas case. Same representation made  
10 to Mr. Turner the following day.

11 All of these depositions were their witnesses.  
12 I noted that none of our information would be used during these  
13 depositions. He asked if he could -- and what he did is sit in  
14 on portions of those depositions. He never appears, and he is  
15 just listed as also attended those depositions, along with,  
16 Your Honor, in-house representatives, in-house counsel for  
17 T-Netix, Securus in this case, in-house corporate  
18 representative for T-Netix and Securus in this case.

19 Of course, we never waived the ability to show  
20 Attorneys Eyes Only confidential information to their in-house  
21 counsel or to their in-house representatives or to the Gruber  
22 firm by them just merely attending a deposition of their  
23 clients.

24 THE COURT: All right.

25 MS. CLOUSTON: And last, I guess, Your Honor,

1 just to talk about for a moment -- thank you, Mr. Turner -- one  
2 additional document, and it is attached as appendix 555 in  
3 T-Netix's response to our Motion to Enforce the Agreed  
4 Protective Order. It is also -- was also produced two months  
5 ago by Gruber Hurst as GHJH 1354 to 1355.

6 In that set of correspondence, it is a set of  
7 correspondence between Mr. Tautfest and lawyers representing  
8 other defendants in the Eastern District of Texas case  
9 regarding getting the documents that were produced back in that  
10 case.

11 What Mr. Tautfest tells the attorneys in that  
12 case is that, quote -- this is to ICS's counsel. "We will  
13 request a redacted copy of the mistakenly produced documents  
14 from counsel in that case and will produce what we are  
15 provided."

16 It appears to us, Your Honor -- and I'm sorry.  
17 Thank you.

18 The date of that e-mail from Mr. Tautfest to the  
19 counsel involved in the other case is October 24, 2007,  
20 approximately 20 days after the documents had been produced in  
21 that case, and about a week after we found out about it.

22 It is after this, after these representations  
23 are made to counsel, but in that case representations made to  
24 us that never say that they were entitled to keep the  
25 information, that the counsel involved in this case makes the

1 revisions to the letter sent to us. And they make the  
2 representation to us and, ultimately, to this court that they  
3 are counsel in our case. They are entitled to anything and  
4 everything belonging to VAC that has been produced in this  
5 case, and that they have refused to date to give it back.

6           We have asked repeatedly questions in the  
7 correspondence attached to our motions, and some of it's also  
8 attached in their response, as well as the subpoenas, that we  
9 had a partial agreement on on Friday for the information. And  
10 we're asking about facts, What do you have? When did you get  
11 it? Who did you give it to? And, Was it provided to anyone  
12 else that we don't know about?

13           We were just recently provided with the executed  
14 Exhibit A to our protective order for its counsel involved in  
15 this case to not have to execute it for the day. That Exhibit  
16 A was signed on October 30th, after all of this had already  
17 happened, Your Honor, and after they represented to us that  
18 they were entitled to keep the documents.

19           We think in the motion and the attachments, Your  
20 Honor, attached to our motion, we have met the burden of  
21 enforcing the protective order and for searches (phonetic) and  
22 contempt that we have filed. And, unfortunately, we did not  
23 want to file and tried very hard to get cooperation so that  
24 this did not have to happen.

25           But, unfortunately, we're in the circumstance

1 now, and we believe we have continuing and ongoing risk and  
2 violations involved in our case. And the burden, Your Honor,  
3 that we must show -- I misplaced it -- is first that there was,  
4 in fact, a court order entered in this case. I think that's  
5 undisputed. Your Honor, it was entered on March 3rd, 2006. It  
6 was negotiated and entered into between these parties and  
7 between this counsel in this case and that the agreed  
8 protective order required specific conduct by T-Netix and by  
9 T-Netix's counsel involved in this case.

10 I think, Your Honor, that's also undisputed.  
11 The agreed protective order clearly requires that information  
12 that's been designated by either party in this case as  
13 confidential information for counsel's eyes only, confidential  
14 information cannot be used in any other litigation. They have  
15 violated that provision of the protective order by their  
16 actions in the Eastern District of Texas lawsuit as well as the  
17 state court lawsuit.

18 In addition, the agreed protective order clearly  
19 prohibits providing to anyone other than counsel hired for this  
20 case documents that have been designated as Counsel's Eyes Only  
21 Confidential Information, but they've also violated that  
22 provision of the protective order by first providing the  
23 documents to the Gruber firm, who we think from the record were  
24 not counsel in this case when they were provided the  
25 information, and then the further production of that



1 information to the other defendants involved in -- competitors  
2 of VAC's involved in the Eastern District of Texas lawsuit.

3           At the point that those documents were provided  
4 to the Gruber firm by the counsel in this case, we had  
5 unfortunately already lost our judge in the state court case.  
6 We had gone through hearings, numerous motions in the state  
7 court case. This was in the foremost of our minds. And then  
8 it was provided to the Gruber firm, knowing that the Gruber  
9 firm intended to produce it and use it in the Eastern District  
10 of Texas case. That, in fact, did happen when it was  
11 produced.

12           The Gruber firm did cooperate with us, Your  
13 Honor, and we have acknowledged that in our appreciation for  
14 the Gruber firm assisting us in getting the documents back from  
15 the counsel involved in that case. We have asked if there are  
16 any other documents provided to other parties or people who  
17 were not entitled to receive the information, and we believe  
18 Gruber was not entitled to receive the information.

19           And we have not received that other than the  
20 e-mails that were produced that Your Honor has, which were all  
21 internal or between counsel involved in this case. And the  
22 documents that they did produce to us the other night included  
23 our damages expert reports from this case. That, of course,  
24 includes the most sensitive of financial and pricing and  
25 customer information belonging to that. It includes the

1 technical expert reports provided in this case that go through  
2 all of VAC's products and how they work, schematics, course  
3 code that's been produced in this case, the most sensitive of  
4 technical information.

5 All of those reports were designated Counsel  
6 Eyes Only Confidential Information, and they were undisputedly  
7 produced to the Gruber firm because they just gave us their  
8 copy of it or they provided us a copy of what they had Bates  
9 numbered the other night.

10 Your Honor, in addition they were provided the  
11 invalidity reports on the patents at issue in this case. They  
12 produced those to us, their copies. Those documents, those  
13 reports, one of which from their expert, was designated as  
14 Counsel's Eyes Only Information was the report that was  
15 produced to all the other parties involved in the Eastern  
16 District case.

17 We think that there's numerous violations along  
18 those steps involved in the Eastern District of Texas  
19 lawsuit.

20 The last of our burden -- and I think the  
21 violations of the protective order include paragraph 16, which  
22 prohibits distributing information to unauthorized persons;  
23 paragraph 19 prohibits the use of designated confidential  
24 information in any other lawsuit or for any other purpose not  
25 permitted under the protective order. That purpose includes

1 only this litigation.

2 Paragraph 23, that includes copying VAC's  
3 confidential information without permission by either VAC or  
4 this court, Your Honor. That was also violated.

5 And paragraphs 17 and 18 include that the  
6 failure to go through the proper channels if they wanted to  
7 designate any information to provide, number one, notice to us,  
8 to ask for the decisions to be changed, to then file with the  
9 court and request for that to occur before they were ever  
10 provided in the state court case and before they were provided  
11 in the Eastern District case.

12 They knew the procedure. That's shown, Your  
13 Honor, in the most recent e-mails. They knew the proper  
14 procedure when they provided this information to the Gruber  
15 firm. Instead, provided the information, anyway, that led to  
16 the unfortunate circumstances of (inaudible) in the state court  
17 indication and the Eastern District case.

18 Last, the remedies that we have sought in this  
19 proceeding include our attorney's fees for the efforts that we  
20 have had to go through in the state court case, in this case,  
21 Your Honor, in the Eastern District case, to try to remedy the  
22 harms and try to mitigate the damage and truly determine where  
23 our client's documents are at this point.

24 We actually started this round of proceedings in  
25 this court, Your Honor, after the state court circumstance that

1 happened. T-Netix had filed in state court a motion to  
2 declassify our confidential documents produced only in this  
3 case. In state court after that, after the recusal, they  
4 actually started these proceedings in this court by filing the  
5 motion to modify our agreed protective order to permit their  
6 use of all of VAC's confidential information produced in this  
7 case in any other litigation.

8 In addition, they filed a motion to declassify  
9 the documents belonging to VAC, including line count reports,  
10 customer information, financial information, and some  
11 schematics and source code technical information so they could  
12 use it in other litigation and declassify them completely so  
13 they could use them apparently for any purpose, including  
14 giving it to their client.

15 All this was done after the fact, after the  
16 violations had already occurred, Your Honor, so we've asked for  
17 our attorney's fees.

18 We've also asked for injunctive relief. And I  
19 guess going back to the attorney's fees. There's a Fifth  
20 Circuit case of Russo versus Three Eagles Aviation, which  
21 clearly entitles the party that has had to seek to enforce a  
22 protective order and violations of the court order to receive  
23 its attorney's fees for the efforts it's had to undergo as a  
24 result.

25 In addition, we've asked for the injunctive

1 relief of, number one, prohibiting counsel involved in this  
2 case and counsel involved in the Eastern District case from  
3 misusing this information, trying to use it in the other  
4 proceedings without going through the proper channels, to  
5 actually disclose to us so that we know if there have been any  
6 other providing of this information to other people.

7           There are, at least from what I've been able to  
8 look at on Pacer, three other patent infringement lawsuits that  
9 involve one of their clients -- one or more of their clients  
10 that has been pending in the district -- federal district  
11 courts during the time that we have produced documents that are  
12 confidential in this case.

13           We're at a real disadvantage that we should not  
14 be in the position and my clients be in the position that we  
15 are required to try to go out and figure out what has been done  
16 with our client's information.

17           THE COURT: Where are those cases pending?

18           MS. CLOUSTON: Your Honor, we've got the Eastern  
19 District of Texas lawsuit before Judge Ward. We also have --  
20 and I think Heather is getting it. It's been tabbed. From the  
21 rulings that I was able to find yesterday, there's one that  
22 involves Mr. Pittman, and the Bell Nunnally firm had been  
23 counsel in the case. And the case has now been, I believe,  
24 closed, but it was open during the pendancy of the time that we  
25 produced documents in this case. That case was pending in the

1 Southern District of Texas in Houston. The style of the case  
2 was Tip Systems versus --

3 THE COURT: Well, I'm more interested in where  
4 they are located.

5 MS. CLOUSTON: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: I don't see that this court has any  
7 authority to enjoin a party or a law firm in the Southern  
8 District of Texas from using documents that they may have  
9 obtained. I think you've probably got to go there, it seems to  
10 me. I haven't looked into that in any depth.

11 Assuming arguendo that documents were  
12 inappropriately and improperly given to a law firm in Southern  
13 District of Texas, I think that you perhaps can go down there.  
14 And if that is an established fact that the documents were  
15 improperly given to a law firm in Southern District, and I  
16 think you can seek relief in that court.

17 If there are no assurances that those documents  
18 have been retrieved. Of course, I am assuming arguendo that  
19 this protective order that Judge Fitzwater entered has been  
20 violated by counsel for T-Netix.

21 MS. CLOUSTON: Yes, Your Honor. And what we are  
22 asking for really is on the enforcement of the agreed  
23 protective order in this lawsuit for the counsel involved in  
24 this lawsuit. And now the Gruber firm, as of October 31, has  
25 signed Exhibit A, being down to the documents that he had

1 already obtained and refused to give back, to identify for the  
2 court and for us if there is anyone else.

3 We asked for that in our subpoena, and they  
4 claimed it's privileged.

5 THE COURT: That's easy enough to handle, but I  
6 didn't quite understand your injunctive relief as it was  
7 directed to law firms in districts other than the Northern  
8 District.

9 MS. CLOUSTON: Sorry about that, Your Honor.  
10 Thank you.

11 The other last relief is the disqualification of  
12 counsel involved in this lawsuit. And, Your Honor, we do not  
13 seek this with really very sad time for us to have to come to  
14 the court and ask for this. The problems that we've had are,  
15 there have been knowing violations. Apparently no remorse and  
16 no cooperation.

17 And we stand in a position where we are -- we  
18 can provide no assurances to our client that the agreed  
19 protective order will be abided by. They have repeatedly  
20 represented to this court, to the state court, and to us that  
21 their violations are not, in fact, violations of the protective  
22 order, and they were entitled or felt entitled in their  
23 actions.

24 And there are -- the indications that we cited  
25 in our brief, including the Biopore Medical Technicians case

1 out of the District of Kansas that talks about that extreme  
2 remedy would be available when there's a continuing violation,  
3 continuing harm, and the kind of repeated and unfortunate  
4 violations that we've had in this case.

5           Your Honor, we believe that the evidence  
6 attached to our motion clearly establishes these facts and this  
7 evidence and information. But we will be happy if Your Honor  
8 wants to present it in or cross examine any of the witnesses  
9 that they may call from the Gruber firm or counsel involved in  
10 this case.

11           THE COURT: All right.

12           MS. CLOUSTON: Thank you, Your Honor.

13           THE COURT: Thank you.

14           Who would like to speak on behalf of T-Netix?

15           MR. PITTMAN: Your Honor, we actually have three  
16 law firms involved.

17           THE COURT: That will be fine. I think that is  
18 appropriate.

19           Mr. Pittman, I'll hear from you first.

20           MR. PITTMAN: Okay. Your Honor, just by way of  
21 a little back drop, and I'm just going to spend a little time  
22 on some factual matters, and Mr. Bowers is going to spend the  
23 bulk of the time on the actual evidence and any examination  
24 that's necessary.

25           As the court is aware, there was a protective



1 order entered in this case. There was also a protective order  
2 entered in the state court case. Those are almost identical in  
3 terms of what they protect. And the basic information that  
4 both parties sought to protect was the confidential trade  
5 secret information.

6           The parties executed those in good faith, and  
7 they worked -- the state court case started in 2003 with McKool  
8 Smith, and so now we're 2008. This case started in 2005. So  
9 from all that time period, Your Honor, the parties have worked  
10 to try and abide by the protective orders in both cases. We've  
11 had dozens of deposition negotiation both cases. We've had  
12 over close to 100 orders entered in the state court case.  
13 We've had hundreds of pleadings. Almost enough pleadings to  
14 fill this room in the state court case.

15           So the parties have worked hard to abide by the  
16 terms of the agreement. The reason why we brought the Motion  
17 to Modify because the terms have become unworkable. And some  
18 of those things, Your Honor -- and it goes to some of the  
19 things that Ms. Clouston has referred to that's happening in  
20 this case. Some of the consideration the parties in the  
21 federal action and the state action are both the same. The  
22 primary witnesses in the state action and the federal action  
23 are the same.

24           THE COURT: Let me just interrupt. Why does the  
25 protective order say it relates -- what can be produced in this

1 case? I don't understand why it was the understanding that the  
2 protected information could be used in either case, why it says  
3 in this case the protective order, it can only be used in this  
4 case.

5 MR. BOWERS: And both protective orders say the  
6 same thing. The state court case also says it can only be used  
7 in that action. The one in this action says it can only be  
8 used in this action.

9 And we addressed that the last time in terms of  
10 the understanding that the parties had may be totally  
11 erroneous, but the understanding the parties have.

12 So the issues are similar. It involves a  
13 license agreement, and the state court cases, the affirmative  
14 action in our case. In the federal case, same license  
15 agreement they've asserted as a defense to their claim. Again,  
16 same expert witnesses, the same documents that are being used,  
17 a lot of the same documents, not all of them. A lot of the  
18 same documents are being used in the federal case are used in  
19 the state court case and vice versa.

20 They are produced in the state court case, but  
21 they are some of the same documents. You look at the patent  
22 license agreement that they're using as a defense. It's the  
23 same license agreement entered into in 1996 being used in both  
24 cases.

25 So a lot of the same things.

1           Now, what this boils down to is, there is --  
2 there's one item that is being referred to as being used in the  
3 state court case. There are some misrepresentations here, and  
4 we'll get into those in the evidentiary part of it, but there  
5 are a lot of misrepresentations on the document that  
6 Ms. Clouston has given you.

7           Basically, we're talking about line count  
8 information. Again, the line count information has been used  
9 in the state court case; it's been used in the federal court  
10 case. The same kinds of line count information was used in the  
11 state court case by VAC at least 11 times. The same  
12 information that they're saying we shouldn't have used in the  
13 state court case, they're using the same information in the  
14 state court case.

15           So it's clearly irrelevant to some issue, but  
16 Ms. Clouston said the issues have been disposed of. We tried  
17 the case. They are plaintiffs in that case, in the state court  
18 case. We tried that case, and the jury did not come back with  
19 a verdict, so we got to retry that same case.

20           Since that time, Judge Hoffman has reopened  
21 discovery, so the issues that she's claiming no longer exist  
22 still exist. That's why we still have our Motion to Modify so  
23 that the line count information that they're saying is  
24 protected, that they've used 11 times in the state court case,  
25 we're asking this court to allow us to use that instead of

1 allowing them to shield it. That was the purpose behind our  
2 motion to modify.

3 So we're talking about one piece of information,  
4 and despite all on the chart that she gave you, all the knowing  
5 violations, it's one piece. It's line count information only.

6 It's --

7 THE COURT: That was not produced in state court  
8 in any fashion prior to the time that you sought the  
9 modification up here; is that my understanding?

10 MR. PITTMAN: A portion of it was; a portion was  
11 not. The period runs from 2003 to 2008. A portion of the --  
12 the biggest portion of it was produced in the state court case,  
13 used by them 11 times and used by us in the state court case.  
14 So we're dealing with it.

15 A few months that was produced just in the  
16 federal court case. That's why we wanted to modify because  
17 it's unworkable --

18 THE COURT: My question is, Was anything  
19 produced in the state court that was not previously produced,  
20 it came in in this case, that was presented in state court  
21 before you filed your motion to modify.

22 MR. PITTMAN: It was referenced in pleading,  
23 yes, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: I think that is what the whole  
25 problem of this case is.

1 MR. PITTMAN: Absolutely. And those were the  
2 documents, and Ms. Clouston made a further misrepresentation.  
3 Again, we'll get into evidentiary part of it.

4 But nothing has been used. We have not  
5 represented to the court, since Your Honor had a ruling on it.

6 THE COURT: Why did the first state court judge  
7 recuse himself?

8 MR. PITTMAN: Have no idea.

9 THE COURT: If he thought he was not supposed to  
10 see these data.

11 MR. PITTMAN: We have no idea, Your Honor. It  
12 would be speculation on both parties.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 MR. PITTMAN: So, Your Honor, again I just  
15 wanted to go into the back drop why all the cases are so  
16 interwoven. That's why we brought our motion. But, again, I  
17 thought it was some factual background that the court could  
18 take into consideration when we get into the evidentiary  
19 portion that Mr. Bowers is about to get into.

20 THE COURT: Well I think it's a fairly simple  
21 issue. Was there a protective motion order in this case that  
22 everyone had agreed to? Was there anything that was produced  
23 by the fact here which they claimed was privileged that was  
24 produced in state court or to any other entity before any  
25 modification was sought?

1           If there was, I don't see, irrespective of the  
2 interrelatedness of these cases, unless the protective order  
3 clearly said that anything produced in this case under  
4 protective order can be produced in any other litigation that  
5 relates to the same course of conduct or the same patents at  
6 issue or whatever.

7           MR. BOWERS: Your Honor, I come humbly before  
8 the court to answer your question. There was a protective  
9 order that had very specific protocol for use of documents  
10 produced in this litigation if it felt it was needed to be  
11 utilized in the state court litigation. As we've stated in our  
12 response to the motion that was filed, there was a technical  
13 violation of that protocol by the parties.

14           Your Honor, and I understand what you're saying.  
15 I would admit to you the protocol were not followed, but the  
16 degree of the relief that is being sought by VAC in this case  
17 far and away exceeds the true nature of the use or the alleged  
18 use of that information. And I think it's irrelevant, and it's  
19 been very important for the court to at least understand that  
20 the punitive, egregious nature that was presented by VAC's able  
21 counsel is simply not what occurred in the purported usage of  
22 the documents.

23           And I think that we need to go back and look at  
24 that alleged use of that documents. We're talking about the  
25 line count summaries that Mr. Pittman was referring to Your

1 Honor.

2 THE COURT: Well, I will say this. This is the  
3 first time I have read or heard any concession on the behalf of  
4 counsel representing the plaintiff in this case that anything  
5 was done wrong. First time. Everything that I have read so  
6 far has justified violating the terms of the protective order.

7 MR. BOWERS: I believe our papers came out, Your  
8 Honor, and absolutely stated that the protocol of the  
9 protective order was not followed. And I believe that before  
10 Your Honor that the case law that is applicable to this type of  
11 a circumstance would ask the court to consider the  
12 circumstances behind that and whether or not the true spirit of  
13 the protective order was adhered to.

14 In this case, Your Honor, in that instance  
15 counsel absolutely adhered to the true spirit of what the  
16 protective order was, which was to protect the confidential  
17 nature of the information in question.

18 And to break this down, there was the state  
19 court allegations that Ms. Clouston addressed and the Eastern  
20 District. So look at the state court allegations, Your Honor.  
21 Every single document was filed under seal, and no judge or  
22 person saw that information. Not at any point. There's no  
23 evidence, nor can any evidence be presented that there was any  
24 information or any actual document reviewed by anybody at any  
25 time.

1           There is one motion that had a chart of line  
2 count summaries that was published in the actual pleading  
3 itself, Your Honor. If we had looked at that section in our  
4 response, and that simply shows a number of lines in use, which  
5 is relevant in the state proceeding because of the triggering  
6 event that would result in the calculation of damages.

7           That information, Your Honor, was ellipted from  
8 a document, but it does not enclose the information that  
9 Ms. Clouston referred to. Pricing, customer, location, any of  
10 that type of information was never ever publicly disclosed in  
11 the state court action, and the documents were sealed.

12           Judge Cortez in the hearing on October 3rd,  
13 which he subsequently recused himself, never at any point in  
14 the proceeding, as it's replete in the record or absolutely  
15 conspicuous in its absence, did Judge Cortez ever say, Well,  
16 I'll grant this; now I'm recusing myself.

17           It simply didn't happen because it was always  
18 sealed.

19           And the conduct of Bell Nunnally and the Pittman  
20 firm and T-Netix was to immediately go with Judge Cortez, along  
21 with Ms. Clouston, to retrieve all of those documents and  
22 pleadings with the sealed documents in question, place them in  
23 a box, seal the box, and then lock that box away. That  
24 occurred on October 3rd.

25           They talked about the return. They were sealed



1 and locked from that point forward. And bear in mind, Your  
2 Honor, we're talking about five total pleadings and nine  
3 documents, all of which were sealed. And those documents were  
4 boxed away and put away. Nobody ever saw those in the state  
5 court proceeding or otherwise.

6               Granted, Your Honor, if we wanted to put those  
7 in a sealed file and file those, there are protocol in the  
8 order that says what should have been done. It was not  
9 followed.

10              But it does not rise to the level of  
11 contemptuous or sanctionable conduct, Your Honor. The Dual  
12 Deck case, the Navajo Nation case, all say that you must go  
13 back and look at whether or not the spirit of the order was  
14 followed.

15              Those are Ninth Circuit and Federal Claims Court  
16 decisions, but they're instructive because of the factual  
17 scenarios certainly endured that is identical almost to the T  
18 of what occurred in this case. It was use of documents  
19 designated as confidential in a prior proceeding that were used  
20 like in a second proceeding. However, they were filed under  
21 seal and did not result in any sanctionable conduct.

22              Southern railway, which is another opinion out  
23 of the Fifth Circuit, suggests that --

24              THE COURT: Can you give me a little bit more of  
25 a cite than that? Southern Railway was in the Fifth Circuit

1 for many, many years until the circuits were split to the  
2 Eleventh.

3 MR. BOWERS: It was a Fifth Circuit out of  
4 Georgia, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: I anticipated it was of some age.

6 MR. BOWERS: It was 1969.

7 THE COURT: But I would like a cite other than  
8 just Southern Railway was a party.

9 MR. BOWERS: Yes, Your Honor. It is 403 F2d  
10 109. Now, Southern Railway -- and I don't want to mislead the  
11 court or make an argument that the court thinks that I'm trying  
12 to say that it says.

13 What Southern Railway posits is that once the  
14 conduct of the parties has been addressed, there is no reason  
15 to still impose contempt order because contempt is intended to  
16 be coercive and not punitive. Granted, I understand that there  
17 can be a component added in there, as Russo states, which was  
18 cited by Ms. Clouston to allow for the fees.

19 But in this case, Your Honor, you must  
20 understand that from the time of December 17, everything that  
21 Ms. Clouston and all on their side complain of had been cured  
22 or rectified. And I understand most of what she's complaining  
23 about with respect to the Eastern District is highly  
24 speculative.

25 Mr. Tautfest says Bell Nunnally did everything

1 to claw back every bit of that information. Absolute  
2 representations were made and affirmations from counsel in the  
3 Eastern District, for example. It stated that all of the  
4 information that they had received had been returned.

5 And bear in mind, Your Honor -- I apologize for  
6 skipping, but in the Eastern District, we're talking about one  
7 document, the McAlexander employment report. That single  
8 document was inadvertently produced by Gruber Hurst in the  
9 Eastern District case.

10 Significant and important, the McAlexander  
11 rebuttal report does not attach a single confidential document.  
12 It makes references, granted, but it does not disclose the  
13 document. And that document was inadvertently produced, was  
14 retrieved from all parties in the Eastern District, written  
15 affirmations were all provided to Ms. Clouston and her firm in  
16 October of 2007, by the latter part of 2007. And all of those  
17 documents were returned.

18 Gruber Hurst first found out about the  
19 inadvertent production on October 17. All of this information  
20 had been retrieved and the affirmations provided to  
21 Ms. Clouston were for the end of October. And the other  
22 documents that were produced were T-Netix documents. More than  
23 40,000 pages, 43,000 pages of documents. They were our  
24 client's documents that were produced, and I don't believe that  
25 Ms. Clouston has an argument about this in this case.

1 But the gross overstatement of what actually  
2 occurred, Your Honor, I think is absolutely critical for you to  
3 understand that we are not a bunch of mavericks that were  
4 taking documents and willy nilly flipping them about in the  
5 state court proceeding, nor in the Eastern District.

6 And Mr. Tautfest went to Herculean efforts,  
7 acknowledging that it was an inadvertent production of that  
8 particular document, and went and -- as we detailed extensively  
9 in our moving papers, and as Mr. Tautfest is here to testify to  
10 Your Honor, went through all the steps to retrieve those, even  
11 replacing the electronic method, the CD, for filing and has  
12 been taking all that information out and returning it and  
13 assuring Ms. Clouston that's all we received. Ms. Clouston, we  
14 received 43,000 documents from T-Netix. We received the expert  
15 reports in this case. The only one of which was inadvertently  
16 produced was the McAlexander rebuttal report, and the others  
17 were discovery responses, none of which were ever produced.

18 In the state court proceeding, Your Honor, we  
19 talked about the five pleadings with the nine documents that  
20 were attached with no open publishing of the actual  
21 confidential documents and nothing more than the line summaries  
22 just saying how many lines were in use for a given day,  
23 information that Ms. Clouston's firm and herself had  
24 represented in court were nothing more than minor disclosures  
25 of aggregate information.

1           It's important to note that also the information  
2 that they complained of that we allegedly disclosed, which we  
3 vehemently deny we disclosed, was the name of their customers,  
4 their locations, the prisons, for example, where this  
5 information could have been censored. All of that information  
6 in large part is available publicly on their website, as we  
7 have noted in our papers.

8           But the point in fact here, Your Honor, and I'm  
9 not trying to shy away from the fact that there was -- the  
10 protocol was not followed for doing this. The harm that befell  
11 or did not -- that befell VAC in this case is certainly  
12 diminimous, Your Honor. And absolute acknowledgment of that  
13 and movement to take care of that was practiced by both the  
14 Pittman firm, Bell Nunnally, and, for that matter, the Gruber  
15 Hurst firm.

16           Your Honor, the Eastern District -- Gruber Hurst  
17 is counsel for T-Netix. Mr. Hurst has -- excuse me.  
18 Mr. Tautfest, I believe, has provided the redacted version of  
19 the fee agreement. And in the re line on the fee agreement, we  
20 did not receive that.

21           In the re line -- may I approach, Your Honor?

22           THE COURT: You may.

23           MR. BOWERS: There is no Bates label on this.  
24 It's April 9th document.

25           THE COURT: All right.

1 MR. BOWERS: The re line on this regarding  
2 amended engagement letter, it references in the re line United  
3 States Patent 5319702, and United States patent 6560323, all of  
4 which is many other patents in this proceeding are in contest.  
5 Those two patents that I just referenced, Your Honor, are  
6 patents that are in dispute in the state court litigation.

7 Excuse me. In the federal court litigation. I  
8 apologize.

9 And it goes on through the other body of the fee  
10 agreement that specifically references the engagement of the  
11 Gruber Hurst firm as counsel for T-Netix which encompasses this  
12 proceeding. And, therefore, Your Honor, it is absolutely a  
13 fact that Gruber Hurst was and is counsel for T-Netix and was  
14 and is a permissive recipient of documents under the agreed  
15 protective order.

16 And I think that that establishes that. And the  
17 decision, Your Honor, in terms of whether we need to argue the  
18 debate that -- the documents and information that Ms. Clouston  
19 has sought from Gruber Hurst in this case is whether or not  
20 there are fees charged and other types of things that are  
21 indicative of an attorney/client relationship in her opinion.

22 The Simpson opinion, Your Honor -- Simpson  
23 versus James out of the Fifth Circuit, if I can find it fairly  
24 quickly, Your Honor. States that the determination of whether  
25 or not a law firm represents a client is an objective standard,

1 and it does not rely upon the actual need of a written  
2 agreement, which we actually do have in this case, nor does it  
3 rely upon the payment of attorney's fees, whether or not  
4 they're paid. It's an objective standard to be judged  
5 objectively.

6 I think the objective facts are here when you  
7 combine that with the fact that we have an actual fee agreement  
8 covering this. We also have Mr. Tautfest and Gruber Hurst  
9 appearing in depositions. And the facts are, Your Honor,  
10 they've consulted with all the counsel in this case.

11 As Mr. Tautfest has represented to Your Honor  
12 earlier that there are an absolute collaboration of work. And  
13 I'm being very careful of where I want to go to because I think  
14 we still have an attorney/client and a work product privilege.  
15 But I think that enough evidence has been presented that we do  
16 have an attorney/client relationship that existed between and  
17 still does exist between T-Netix and the Gruber Hurst firm such  
18 that they are permissive recipients under the agreed protective  
19 order.

20 And I apologize for summary moment, but I will  
21 get you the cite for the Simpson versus James opinion.

22 Simpson versus James is 903 F2d at 372 out of  
23 the Fifth Circuit.

24 And just as one final piece of evidence  
25 regarding this, Your Honor. It's not a part of our transcript,

1 but once we learned that this was being an evidentiary hearing,  
2 we do have the declaration of Melissa (inaudible), who was  
3 assistant general counsel for T-Netix, establishing the  
4 attorney/client relationship.

5 May I approach?

6 THE COURT: All right. It will be received.

7 MR. BOWERS: And, Your Honor, I don't know how  
8 you choose to -- wish to proceed at this point, but I do agree  
9 that I think that a lot of this is by argument to Your Honor in  
10 terms of what I was addressing earlier. We certainly don't  
11 feel that contempt is warranted under the facts and  
12 circumstances as we just presented to Your Honor regarding what  
13 was actually allegedly disclosed, which we certainly understand  
14 that there were sealed pleadings filed, that actually no  
15 disclosure of that information in the state court proceeding,  
16 nor was there any of the -- although Ms. Clouston didn't  
17 address it, I think, at length, there were no oral  
18 representations of confidential information, of proprietary  
19 information in state court proceedings by any counsel for  
20 T-Netix in this case.

21 Again, the only information that was referred to  
22 in the ellipted transcript proceedings in the moving papers of  
23 fact were simply references that the information shows that  
24 line counts exceed a certain number. And there's absolutely  
25 nothing proprietary or confidential about the actual line



1 numbers.

2                   Again, that is the same information that  
3 Ms. Clouston had referred to as minor disclosures of  
4 aggregate information.

5                   Addressing the arguments that Ms. Clouston  
6 raised regarding the imposition of sanctions in this case, the  
7 Topallian case out of the Fifth Circuit which is 3 F3d 931,  
8 1993, sets forth the four prong analysis that is to be employed  
9 in determining whether or not sanctions are appropriate. And  
10 the first thing is to look at the conduct that you're seeking  
11 to punish.

12                   The second prong is look at the costs or the  
13 expenses that were incurred by the aggrieved party.

14                   The third prong is to look at the mitigable  
15 nature or the reasonableness of the costs or expenses that were  
16 incurred.

17                   And then, fourthly, take into consideration what  
18 lesser sanction could be imposed to achieve the same purpose.

19                   The first bit of relief that they looked for,  
20 which obviously I think can be characterized as nothing other  
21 than a sanction, is the disqualification of the Pittman firm  
22 and Bell Nunnally and Martin from this proceeding. And, Your  
23 Honor, that is just simply a draconian remedy that is or  
24 sanction that is simply not warranted by the conduct here.

25                   No case is recited that even proximate a factual

1 scenario in this case, even accepting all other allegations as  
2 true, which we deny, that would warrant disqualification of  
3 Bell Nunnally or the Pittman firm in this case.

4           The cases that have been discussed are Dyll  
5 versus Adams, D-y-l-l, I believe. It's Westlaw 222918 Northern  
6 District of Texas, 1997. And in that case we had a lawyer who  
7 was accused of paying to obtain favorable testimony from a  
8 witness, and a severe ethical breach.

9           However, the witness in that case didn't accept  
10 the money and didn't provide the allegedly favorable testimony.  
11 But in that case Judge Fitzwater found it unnecessary to  
12 disqualify the counsel in that case.

13           A second opinion which did result in the  
14 disqualification of counsel is the Cavanaugh decision, which is  
15 137 FRD 646 Northern District of Texas in 1991. And in that  
16 case an assistant attorney general was ultimately disqualified  
17 by I believe Judge Sanders in that opinion for just constant  
18 and repeated violations and outright flagrant and ultimately  
19 admitted misrepresentations to the court.

20           What you had in that case, which goes back to  
21 the discussions that you must look at with regard to the  
22 imposition of this sanction, is repeated, chronic, and grossly  
23 unethical behavior on the part of the firm or attorneys sought  
24 to be disqualified.

25           We simply don't have that here, again, Your

1 Honor.

2 I believe that the violations that are alleged  
3 by Ms. Clouston -- I understand that the motions that they  
4 complain of occurred between September 27 and October 3rd.

5 That's it, Your Honor. T-Netix humbly and  
6 apologetically represents to this court and to counsel its  
7 apologies for not following the technical procedural  
8 requirements of the agreed protective order, but the level of  
9 their relief that they're asking for simply is not warranted by  
10 the facts, Your Honor.

11 We're good lawyers. We're good people. We have  
12 not -- none of the lawyers up here before have been sanctioned.  
13 Nobody has ever been accused of this conduct. It is  
14 regrettable that these things were filed, but they were filed  
15 within the spirit and purpose of the protective order.

16 Certainly in the state court proceeding and in  
17 the federal court proceeding when the document was  
18 inadvertently produced, enormous efforts were taken to retrieve  
19 those documents, and it was accomplished. And that information  
20 was provided to Ms. Clouston and her client.

21 And for that reason, Your Honor, we simply ask  
22 this court not to impose the sanctions and certainly the  
23 disqualification slot in this case.

24 THE COURT: All right.

25 All right. Mr. Pittman, I'll hear from you, if

1 you wish to add anything that has not already been addressed.

2 MR. PITTMAN: No, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right. Does the Gruber firm  
4 wish to say anything?

5 MR. TAUTFEST: We have nothing to add, Your  
6 Honor.

7 THE COURT: All right. Is there any testimony  
8 that either side in this controversy needs to or wishes to  
9 present to me?

10 MS. CLOUSTON: Your Honor, we spoke to the, I  
11 guess, first the engagement letter that we have just been  
12 provided, Your Honor has been provided. First, it is from the  
13 counsel in Securus Technologies, dated -- to Gruber Hurst,  
14 dated August 9, 2007.

15 That is, of course, several years -- two years  
16 after this suit was filed.

17 In paragraph, Your Honor, I guess it's on the  
18 second page, right after the bold cap, third paragraph down.  
19 The engagement letter states that, "This letter will confirm  
20 our agreement, the amended agreement, that the firm will  
21 represent Securus Technologies, Inc., and its affiliates and  
22 subsidiaries, including T-Netix and Evercom against," and it  
23 lists, Your Honor, a federation of nine different parties, none  
24 of which are Value-Added Communications, Your Honor, or any  
25 entity related to Value-Added Communications with the exception

1 of some entities that have entered into contractual  
2 relationships with Value-Added Communications.

3           If we need to hear testimony about the  
4 engagement letter, the documents that have been presented to  
5 Your Honor, we think it is clear that the representations made  
6 to us and the court are very different from now what we have  
7 seen in evidence and now that the engagement letter, that they  
8 were never, in fact, counsel in this case unless they have most  
9 recently become counsel and that when the Gruber firm was  
10 provided the information on October 3, 2007.

11           The counsel in this case, as well as the counsel  
12 from the other case, the Gruber firm attorneys, knew and  
13 discussed the fact that documents designated as confidential,  
14 confidential information in this case, can not be provided to  
15 anyone -- any other counsel, nor can it be used in any other  
16 case.

17           Unfortunately, given that we've got now and  
18 received that document as well as the correspondence produced  
19 to us the other night, it is not an inadvertent violation at  
20 this point. They raised it. They discussed it. At that point  
21 we already had lost our state court judge, and they gave the  
22 documents and the information to the Gruber firm, anyway, and  
23 the documents were used and produced in that case.

24           The counsel has represented that this is a  
25 technical violation. This shouldn't rise to the level of

1 concern, that the documents themselves were not shown to the  
2 state court judge.

3           Well, first and in the cases of -- these are two  
4 Northern District of Texas cases -- Positive Software Solutions  
5 versus New Century Mortgage Corporation, 337 F Sub 2nd 862,  
6 Northern District case from 2004, as well as the Savory, Inc.  
7 versus Lynn Liatrable (phonetic) Corporation case. It's 2003  
8 U.S. District Lexis 12124, Northern District case 2003.

9           Both of these cases out of this court state  
10 that, number one, the court's protective orders prohibit the  
11 use of the confidential document for any purpose outside of  
12 litigation, but it also prohibits the revelation of the  
13 documents' contents as well as their existence. Both cases  
14 state that if orders prohibiting disclosure of confidential  
15 information are to have any meaning, they must prohibit  
16 disclosure in any form and cite various cases, including Fifth  
17 Circuit case, for that proposition and said that the protective  
18 order does not exist in a vacuum, and it shouldn't be read in  
19 the context of that litigation.

20           First, the documents were, in fact, filed in the  
21 state court case. We have acknowledged that the particular  
22 line count reports that are the more recent ones from '06  
23 and '07 that were produced in this case, never produced in the  
24 state court case, in fact denied repeatedly access to that  
25 information, and those claims have been denied to be

1 reinterjected in that case by three different judges in the  
2 state court. Most recently, about a week and a half ago by our  
3 new state court judge.

4           Despite that, they filed these documents in an  
5 attempt to have the court reconsider interjecting that  
6 information. During the hearing with Judge Cortez, and this is  
7 on appendix -- our appendix to the motion to enforce, pages  
8 1543 out of the hearing transcript before Judge Cortez, the  
9 court -- on up to where the second, the court says, in  
10 addressing Mr. Pittman and the Bell Nunnally firm was also  
11 there and representing T-Netix. The court says, "You've told  
12 me that there's information that they, VAC, have withheld from  
13 me for whatever reason, whether it be the federal agreed  
14 protective order or something else that exceeds the 13,500 line  
15 limit that Judge Kelton deemed to be the cap if that -- you  
16 don't think that taints the judge."

17           Mr. Pittman responds, "I would certainly hope  
18 not, Your Honor, because I've told you the same thing the 15th  
19 of August."

20           "The Court: I understand attorney argument. I  
21 understand attorney argument. Attorney argument is something.  
22 Believe me, I hear it all the time. But if the evidence that  
23 you now --"

24           And Mr. Pittman interrupts him and says, "No,  
25 there was a prior piece of evidence that was not produced in

1 the federal case."

2                   And the court says, "Mr. Pittman, I'm not  
3 talking about that. I'm talking about documents that were  
4 produced in federal court that apparently there's a federal  
5 agreed protective order not to show those documents outside of  
6 that trial. You're telling me -- you have just told me, and  
7 Ms. Drake --" who is the court reporter " -- has got the  
8 transcript. We'll find out, I guess, later. But it sounds to  
9 me that you've told me that there's additional information that  
10 supports that that I am not supposed to know about."

11                   And he goes on to say that, "If this information  
12 is, in fact, protected," and he's going to look at it, has this  
13 caused him an early Christmas present, and he would have to and  
14 be required to recuse himself in the case.

15                   In addition, on page 1551, Judge Cortez goes on  
16 to say, "Let me just say one thing for the record. I have not  
17 looked at any -- the only thing that I have read for this  
18 morning's hearing was file jacket number 14 and file jacket  
19 number 15."

20                   We obtained the list of what was included in  
21 those file jackets, and three of these motions that included  
22 and attached the evidence were included in those two file  
23 jackets.

24                   We do not know, because he never said that he  
25 actually looked at the documents, but certainly throughout the



1 argument made before Judge Cortez, counsel in this case  
2 represents to that court that he can and should review that  
3 evidence, that he can consider it and that he can declassify  
4 the evidence.

5 At the end of that hearing Judge Cortez notes --  
6 and at that point, Your Honor, he had already heard about I  
7 think it was 11 or 12 hearings in our case and worked very,  
8 very hard as the new judge on our case. Was very actively  
9 involved and entered a lot of orders.

10 And he said, "I feel very disappointed that this  
11 has come up the way it has because we've done too much work and  
12 worked too hard for this to be screwed up like this, if it has  
13 been screwed up. And right now I'm not sure if I'm even going  
14 to be able to hear this case."

15 He, in fact, the very next day recused himself.

16 The counsel in this case made the representation  
17 that this was a small technical violation, that the spirit of  
18 this court's agreed protective order was adhered to. We  
19 repeatedly begged and pleaded and sent letters from both  
20 Mr. Turner and myself asking them to please not do this, what  
21 they did at the hearing, to take the evidence out of the  
22 record, to not use it at the hearing, to not try to present  
23 these arguments to Judge Cortez. They ignored our pleas, used  
24 it, and Judge Cortez recused himself.

25 Following that, they submitted these same

1 requests to our new Judge Hoffman to review and consider these  
2 pleadings, as well as the interim administrative judge.

3 THE COURT: Well, I thought they had been  
4 withdrawn at this point.

5 MS. CLOUSTON: They have never been --

6 THE COURT: They are still in the state court?

7 MS. CLOUSTON: No, Your Honor. As of December  
8 17th, 2007, those documents were officially withdrawn out of  
9 the record. Completely withdrawn.

10 THE COURT: All right.

11 MS. CLOUSTON: They were not officially  
12 withdrawn by T-Netix until following Your Honor's hearing and  
13 following the hearing before the new judge on those motions.  
14 What we ended up with, and we kept writing to our new Judge  
15 Hoffman, trying to inform him of the problem, to not review  
16 these motions, to not consider the evidence attached, and  
17 asking him to please withdraw these motions so that he would  
18 not, in fact, look at motions he wasn't supposed to.

19 We did not know if every copy had, in fact, been  
20 in the box of the documents that were withdrawn after Your  
21 Honor's hearing. We did get them back following Your Honor's  
22 hearing about a week later. I think that happened on December  
23 17th. And they have accurately attached that evidence in their  
24 response, but it was not until all of those motions had been  
25 denied by the new state court judge that all of that was

1 officially by them requested and withdrawn out of the file.

2 THE COURT: Well, I'll tell you what is on my  
3 mind right now that I would like you to address. And that is  
4 the injury that has been suffered and the sanctions that are  
5 being sought because what I am hearing, I think, is that these  
6 documents have been clawed back. They are no longer going to  
7 be available to anyone who formerly may have seen them  
8 improperly.

9 So I think that I would really like to hear a  
10 response to that because that's what T-Netix's counsel has  
11 said, that this is much too draconian that you are asking the  
12 court to do at this point in time, which includes disqualifying  
13 counsel that have been in this case I guess since 2005.

14 MS. CLOUSTON: They entered, Your Honor, an  
15 appearance on -- at the end of January of 2006. Prior to that  
16 point in time, the McKool Smith firm had represented T-Netix.  
17 But they have been in the case, Your Honor, for approximately  
18 two years at this point.

19 MR. BOWERS: Your Honor, I apologize, but may I  
20 address one thing regarding the documents? Because I believe  
21 what was stated left an impression that's just simply not  
22 accurate regarding the documents.

23 Judge Cortez entered an order removing those  
24 documents completely from the file, placing them in a sealed  
25 box with the mark, Do Not Review -- Not To Be Viewed By Anyone

1 Unless Approved By Judge Cortez. And those were locked away.

2 Ms. Clouston's letter to Judge Hoffman on  
3 November 13, 2007, which I will read from and make available to  
4 Your Honor, states that, "The T-Netix pleadings are among those  
5 that were segregated from the public file and placed under lock  
6 and key with the court clerk in accordance with Judge Cortez's  
7 October 3rd, 2007, oral ruling on plaintiff's emergency motion  
8 to expunge the court order for motion or withdrawal pleadings.  
9 Our understanding is that the pleadings remain segregated and  
10 under lock and key."

11 Judge Hoffman never saw those documents.  
12 There's no evidence that he ever did, and there's no evidence  
13 that Judge Cortez ever did.

14 Once it came out in the proceedings on the  
15 hearing on October 3rd in which Mr. Pittman stated, "The  
16 documents she -- Ms. Clouston -- is referring to have not been  
17 disclosed to my client, have not been disclosed to any improper  
18 party, including the court in this case." This is an page 7 of  
19 our response in the ellipted hearing.

20 I have a highlighted copy of Ms. Clouston's  
21 November 13th, 2007, order. It's in the appendix. I  
22 apologize. It's in our appendix at pages 1939 through 1940. I  
23 apologize, their appendix. VAC's appendix. I certainly  
24 apologize.

25 Is this ours?

1           The actual photograph of the box with  
2 instructions is at our appendix for T-Netix at page 353. And  
3 also, Your Honor, on appendix 349 through 351, our appendix,  
4 there's a December 18, 2007, letter from Chris Groves of Jones  
5 Day, acknowledged by Ms. Clouston and by Mr. Pittman, regarding  
6 the actual return of all of the documents that were sealed.  
7 And only documents that are in dispute here today with all of  
8 those being returned to the Jones Day law firm or December  
9 18th, 2007.

10           So the threat of the exposure of these documents  
11 is, I think Your Honor was asking the inquiry, they have been  
12 retrieved and placed back in their hands.

13           THE COURT: All right.

14           MS. CLOUSTON: First, Your Honor, I guess to  
15 respond. On that they cited to the letter that I had written  
16 to our new judge, Judge Hoffman, on November 13th, 2007,  
17 warning Judge Hoffman about the motions that were coming before  
18 him, including separate pleadings, three, in fact, were among  
19 those that had caused the problem with Judge Cortez and to  
20 please not review them.

21           What they did not cite is Mr. Pittman's letter  
22 on November 14th to Judge Hoffman, and it is at appendix to our  
23 Motion for Enforcement of the Protective Order at 1941 and  
24 1942.

25           What Mr. Pittman represents to our new judge,

1 Judge Hoffman, is that, to begin with, the exhibits and  
2 information referenced in VAC's November 13th letter were  
3 improperly designated as confidential by VAC. The information  
4 is public information, and VAC has no legal basis for claiming  
5 confidentiality. These are the documents produced in this case  
6 under this protective order.

7 In fact, the information is also clearly  
8 relevant to the issues in the current proceeding and should  
9 have been produced by VAC in this proceeding as part of its  
10 obligation to supplement discovery, not noting that prior judge  
11 had already denied their motion to compel those documents.

12 Next, because of VAC's improper designation,  
13 T-Netix was required to challenge and is currently in the  
14 process of challenging VAC's improper designation through  
15 T-Netix's emergency motion.

16 The counsel goes on to say that they will  
17 provide -- they were improperly labeled by VAC with federal  
18 confidentiality designations.

19 THE COURT: Well, I can read the letter. You've  
20 given me the appendix cite.

21 MS. CLOUSTON: The problem we have, Your Honor,  
22 is in the cases that it required a higher sanction than the  
23 awarding of attorney's fees for our efforts and efforts of the  
24 counsel to have to actually enforce an agreed protective order.  
25 Is this a single inadvertent violation? Have the counsel shown

1 that they will, in fact, abide by their protective order? Did  
2 as soon as they discovered the information and the disclosure  
3 remedy it? Protect the information? Represent that they're  
4 going abide by it?

5 And, Your Honor, they unfortunately did not do  
6 this in this case. They continued to assert that they could,  
7 in fact, use this information in the state court litigation.  
8 The documents have now been removed as of December 17th, 2007,  
9 out of the state court file, and there has been no ongoing  
10 problem with the documents in that state court proceeding.

11 They have now served new discovery requests in  
12 the state court case for those documents in that case. So we  
13 will have to deal with those issues, but there is no current  
14 ongoing violation in the state court proceeding.

15 In the Eastern District of Texas lawsuit, the  
16 questions on the ongoing violation is whether or not the Gruber  
17 Hurst firm is, in fact, entitled to have and keep VAC's  
18 documents, expert reports, discovery responses, et cetera, that  
19 contain and cite to information that was designated under our  
20 protective order Restricted Confidential, whether they were  
21 entitled to keep it, whether -- or whether they were required  
22 to return it.

23 They have today refused to return the  
24 information to us, and we believe, either based upon the  
25 information most recently produced in the last couple of days

1 and then today, Your Honor, that the representations that  
2 they were counsel when they received this information, that  
3 they were entitled to receive it and they're entitled to keep  
4 it --

5 THE COURT: Well, do I understand that as far as  
6 anything that is made -- that is disclosed to any parties or  
7 persons in the Eastern District of Texas case, that all of that  
8 has now been withdrawn by the Gruber firm in the East Tex  
9 litigation?

10 MS. CLOUSTON: In the documents that we know of  
11 that have been produced in that case, they have represented,  
12 and as far as we know that representation is accurate that from  
13 the other litigants who are competitors of VAC's, those  
14 documents have been clawed back by the Gruber firm.

15 THE COURT: That was my understanding. I mean,  
16 I don't know where we go from there. If I can not accept the  
17 representation of an officer of the court that this is an  
18 accurate statement that all these things have been clawed back,  
19 I, as a judge, am inreally a mess.

20 So I generally -- unless there's something that  
21 impeaches that representation, seems to me that we can say  
22 safely that any documents that the Gruber firm may have  
23 previously obtained have now been retrieved from any third  
24 party or from the public record.

25 Now, the next question is, have those documents



1 now been returned to the counsel whose names appear of record  
2 as T-Netix's counsel here in the Northern District of Texas?  
3 And I guess you can answer that since you're a partner in the  
4 Gruber firm.

5 MR. TAUTFEST: That's correct, Your Honor. Your  
6 Honor, we have -- we do not have the confidential documents.  
7 What we have are discovery responses and accident reports. But  
8 we still have those because we are working with Mr. Pittman and  
9 the Bell Nunnally firm on the overlapping issues, and we help  
10 prepare the witnesses. We are giving advice in that case. And  
11 we've been asked to do that by our mutual client.

12 So we do still have those documents, Your  
13 Honor.

14 THE COURT: Well, I think the short answer is  
15 that needs to go back right now. If you and your firm want to  
16 formally enter an appearance as the third counsel representing  
17 T-Netix in this case, then so be it. But I think there are all  
18 kinds of confusions here when you are representing T-Netix or  
19 Securus in an Eastern District case.

20 So let's get that back right now.

21 MR. BOWERS: Your Honor, I thought I heard your  
22 question regarding have all the documents that were -- that the  
23 McAlexander rebuttal report that was retrieved back by the  
24 Gruber Hurst firm.

25 THE COURT: And I understood that to be the

1 case.

2 MR. BOWERS: Just to point your attention to  
3 footnote 41 of our --

4 THE COURT: I don't need to know that. I've  
5 been told affirmatively what's happened.

6 MR. BOWERS: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: But I do want those documents  
8 returned to counsel whose appearance has already been entered  
9 in the case.

10 Now, if you wish to enter an appearance formally  
11 and file a motion and entry of appearance in this case -- that  
12 is, the case here in the Northern District of Texas -- then I  
13 think once you have been enrolled and your firm has been  
14 enrolled as cocounsel of record in the Northern District of  
15 Texas, you are then thereafter entitled to access under the  
16 terms of confidentiality order.

17 MR. BOWERS: Yes, Your Honor, and we will return  
18 those documents today.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Very good.

20 Anything else that we want to hear on this  
21 motion?

22 MS. CLOUSTON: Your Honor, I think Mr. Turner  
23 raised the issue, and this is what the Northern District of  
24 Texas cases that we have cited to Your Honor pertain to, that  
25 it is about the use of the confidential information cited in

1 those expert reports and documents that we designated in the  
2 Eastern District case as well that we need to have some  
3 assurances that these -- our client is not a party to that  
4 case..

5           We have no way to, you know, monitor it. That,  
6 in fact, the documents and information that's not being used in  
7 that lawsuit and that, in fact, the questions that we asked  
8 previously in our letters that we know that the information has  
9 not been given to anyone else, and it's not being used, in  
10 fact, in that case by the experts or by the couple involved in  
11 that case, Your Honor.

12           THE COURT: Well, as I understood it, it's all  
13 been clawed back. If it's been clawed back, then I assume that  
14 the rebuttal expert report is no longer available to anyone in  
15 the Eastern District of Texas litigation.

16           Now, if it comes to light that it is being  
17 misused in that case, I think it needs to be brought to the  
18 attention of Judge Ward and whoever the assigned magistrate  
19 judge who is handling discovery in that case.

20           I think that I'm not going to go further in that  
21 issue after I have received the assurances that everything has  
22 been clawed back and that any documents that are presently in  
23 the Gruber firm's possession are going to be returned to you  
24 here sometime today or tomorrow.

25           MS. CLOUSTON: Thank you, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Okay. The motion to modify agreed  
2 protective order, I don't know. I think probably I can decide  
3 that issue on the pleadings, but I'm willing to have argument.  
4 But, of course, the reason that I've scheduled all this morning  
5 and, if necessary, into this afternoon on these two motions is  
6 I wanted to be in a position to, if either side wished to  
7 present any evidence other than you have presented some, but  
8 any testimony, that that would be -- we would accomplish that  
9 here today.

10 But I am willing to hear the plaintiff's  
11 emergency motion here if there need be argument made on the  
12 emergency motion to modify the agreed protective order or I can  
13 make a decision on that with -- by my review of that which has  
14 already been filed relative to that motion.

15 MR. PITTMAN: Yes, Your Honor. We think that  
16 the only thing we would add that's not in that document is that  
17 a new trial has been set. That earlier document refers to the  
18 previous trial setting. So there's been a change, and trial is  
19 now in August. But other than that, Your Honor, we would --

20 THE COURT: That's the state court case.

21 MR. PITTMAN: Yes, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: We've been sort of monitoring that.  
23 Just see what happened. Sounds like a misfire. And so y'all  
24 are going to crank it up again in August.

25 MR. PITTMAN: Yes, Your Honor. But other than

1 that, we rely on the pleadings.

2 THE COURT: Is that all right?

3 MS. CLOUSTON: Yes, Your Honor. I believe we  
4 can rely upon the pleadings.

5 THE COURT: Well, I've made one of the rulings  
6 that I intend to write some length of memorandum on this.

7 Now, you do understand that in terms of things  
8 other than the attorney's fees, which I think we'll reserve to  
9 a later date if I determine that attorney's fees are in order.  
10 Ultimately, any additional sanctions for violation of Judge  
11 Fitzwater's order, if I recommend that those things have  
12 occurred, are going to be reserved to Judge Fitzwater.

13 I will only be making a recommendation on the  
14 disposition of that aspect of it.

15 And then, again, just so that everyone is clear  
16 for records keeping or just housekeeping purposes, were I to  
17 recommended that sanctions in the order of attorney's fees be  
18 awarded, and Judge Fitzwater accepts that, then I will schedule  
19 another hearing for receipt of testimony on that or perhaps you  
20 all can resolve that by agreement.

21 So thank you all for coming in this morning. I  
22 will endeavor to get this out. I will be out of pocket here  
23 for a while, and it may be early May before I can file my  
24 recommendation, but I will endeavor to get that accomplished as  
25 soon as possible.

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Thank you all very much. We'll be in recess.

(End of proceedings)

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, JANET E. WRIGHT, RPR/CSR, certify that the foregoing is a transcript from the record of the proceedings in the foregoing entitled matter.

I further certify that the transcript fees and format comply with those prescribed by the Court and the Judicial Conference of the United States.

This is the 9th day of May, 2008.



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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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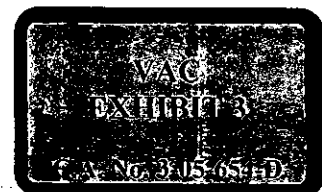
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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pursuant to the District Court's order of reference filed on January 2, 2008, on April 16, 2008, came on to be heard Defendant Value-Added Communications, Inc.'s Motion to Enforce The Agreed Protective Order, for Civil Contempt, Sanctions and Injunctive Relief filed on December 28, 2007, and having considered the relevant pleadings, appendices and exhibits and the statements of counsel for the parties and the statements of Eric Tautfest an attorney with the law firm of Gruber, Hurst, Johansen & Hail LLP, the magistrate judge finds and recommends as follows:

On March 3, 2006, the District Court entered its Agreed Protective Order (Doc. 44) signed by Aubrey "Nick" Pittman on behalf of T-Netix, Inc. (T-Netix) and by Robert W. Turner on behalf of Value-Added Communications, Inc. (VAC). Included in the terms of the order were the following paragraphs:

16. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION may be additionally designated COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (by labeling it COUNSEL ONLY or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL, or similar designation clearly transmitted in writing to the other parties). The COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION designation is reserved for information that constitutes proprietary financial or technical or commercially sensitive competitive information that the producing party maintains as highly confidential in its business, including but not limited to, information obtained from a nonparty pursuant to a





current Nondisclosure Agreement ("NDA"), information relating to future products not yet commercially released, strategic plans, codes, technical documents that would reveal trade secrets or other confidential research, development or commercial information, and settlement agreements or settlement communications, the disclosure of which is likely to cause harm to the competitive position of the producing party or a third party's business or personal interests. Documents designated **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and contents thereof shall be available only to counsel for the parties, the technical advisers who are assisting them, data processing vendors and graphics and trial consultants.

17. The parties will use reasonable care when designating documents or information as **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**. Nothing in this Order shall prevent a receiving party from contending that any or all documents or information designated as **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** have been improperly designated. A receiving party may at any time request that the producing party cancel or modify the confidentiality designation with respect to any document or information contained therein.

18. A party shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of a **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** designation at the time made, and a failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto. Such a challenge shall be written, shall be served on counsel for the producing party, and shall particularly identify the documents or information that the receiving party contends should be differently designated. The parties shall use their best efforts to resolve promptly and informally such disputes. If agreement cannot be reached, the receiving party shall request that the Court cancel or modify a **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** designation.

19. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** shall be held in confidence by each person to whom it is disclosed, shall be used only for purposes of this litigation, shall not be used for any business or other purpose, and shall not be disclosed to any person who is not entitled to receive such information as expressly provided herein. All produced **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** and **COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** shall be carefully maintained so as to preclude access by persons who are not entitled to receive such information. However, nothing in this Order shall prevent any outside court reporter, videographer, mediator and their employees, or the Court, any employee of the Court or any juror from reviewing any evidence in this case for the purpose of this litigation. Further, nothing in this Order shall impact one way or another on the admissibility of any document or other evidence at any hearing or at trial. Court reporters and

videographers not employed by the Court must execute a written Confidentiality Agreement, in the form attached hereto as Attachment A.

**23. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION or COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** shall not be copied or otherwise reproduced by a receiving party, except for transmission to qualified recipients, without the written permission of the producing party, or, in the alternative, by further order of the Court. Nothing herein shall however, restrict a qualified recipient from making working copies, abstracts, digests and analyses of **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION or COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** for use in connection with this litigation and such working copies abstracts, digests and analyses shall be deemed to be the same level of **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION or COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** under the terms of this Order as the original documents upon which such work product was based. Further, nothing herein shall restrict a qualified recipient from converting or translating **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION or COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** into machine readable form for incorporation into a data retrieval system used in connect with this action, provided that access to **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION or COUNSEL EYES ONLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**, in whatever form stored or reproduced, shall be limited to qualified recipients.

In addition, the order provided mechanisms pursuant to which either party could contest its opponent's confidentiality designations and to obtain a modification of the order's provisions. *Id.* at ¶ 18.

VAC and T-Netix are parties in a state court action pending in Dallas County and docketed in Cause No. 03-11399-B. After VAC filed its Motion to Dismiss T-Netix's Royalty-Related Claims in the state court case, T-Netix's counsel in the federal case filed a response in the state court on September 27, 2007, which used information produced in *this action* under the agreed protective order. See VAC's Appendix at 1164-1291. Prior to filing and disclosing materials produced in *this action* under the agreed protective order, T-Netix's counsel in the federal case did not notify VAC's counsel of their intention to submit such documents in the state court proceedings nor did they seek

an agreed or court-ordered modification of the protective order.<sup>1</sup> On the same date T-Netix filed additional pleadings in the state court citing material produced by VAC under the agreed protective order in support of the arguments asserted. Appendix at 1292-1307.

On October 1, 2007, T-Netix filed an amended reply to VAC's response to T-Netix's motion to realign the parties in No. 03-11399-B. *Id.* at 1344-1357. As with the line count summary set out in its response to the motion to dismiss, *supra*, the amended reply, which was not filed under seal, reiterated the October 2006 - July 2007 line count reports.

On October 2, 2007, VAC's counsel wrote T-Netix's attorneys advising that enumerated pleadings filed in the state court case contained and disclosed information which was produced by VAC subject to the terms of the agreed protective order in *this action* and requesting that T-Netix immediately withdraw from the state court record any pleadings and documents which disclosed confidential information. Appendix at 1509-1510.

On October 3, 2007, T-Netix filed a motion in No. 03-11399-B to declassify the line count reports for the period from October 2006 through July 2007. Appendix at 1560-1566. The motion argued that the documents produced by VAC pursuant to the agreed protective order filed in *this action* were neither confidential nor proprietary and alternatively that VAC had waived any privilege which otherwise may have obtained. Conspicuous by its absence is any statement in the motion which placed the state court judge on notice of the existence of the agreed protective order in *this action* and that the documents which T-Netix sought to have declassified had been produced by

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<sup>1</sup>Line Count Report information for October 2006 through July 2007 presented to the state court came from materials produced by VAC under this court's agreed protective order and which were designated "Counsel Eyes Only - Confidential Information." The Line Count Reports themselves were also included in the pleadings filed on September 27, 2007, and filed under seal, but were reiterated in the response, Appendix at 1174, which was not filed under seal.

VAC pursuant to an agreed protective order entered by this court.

On the same date the then presiding judge in the parties' state court action held a hearing on T-Netix's motion to realign the parties. Appendix 1511-1557. Ms. Stephanie Newkirk Clouston appeared on behalf of VAC and Aubrey "Nick" Pittman appeared on behalf of T-Netix. In the course of the hearing Ms. Clouston referred to an emergency motion which VAC had filed based upon materials which VAC had produced under the agreed protective order in *this action* and which T-Netix had filed or used in its pleadings filed in the state court action. In response to Ms. Clouston's statements Mr. Pittman argued that the royalty agreement between the parties entitled T-Netix to the documents, that the protective order in *this action* permitted either party to use "limited access" documents in their state court action as well, and that the state court could declassify any documents which VAC produced under the agreed protective order in *this action*. The state judge wondered aloud whether he might have been tainted by the contested pleadings and the statements made at the hearing. *Id.* at 1543. The hearing concluded without a ruling by the judge so that a jury trial in another case could proceed. On the same day the judge signed an order recusing himself. *Id.* at 1558. As noted at the hearing, steps were taking to insure that there would be no access to the documents and to any pleadings which referred to documents produced by VAC pursuant to the agreed protective order in *this action*. *Id.* at 1551. Counsel for VAC and T-Netix have agreed that prior to this court's hearing on April 16, 2008, all of these materials were removed from the state court records and returned to T-Netix's counsel.

On a date prior to October 5, 2007, Bell Nunnally, one of T-Netix's counsel of record in this case, provided attorneys with the Gruber, Hurst, Johansen & Hail law firm with copies of documents which had been produced by VAC under the agreed protective order in *this action* which had been

designated "Confidential Information - Outside Counsel Eyes Only" which included at the least a rebuttal invalidity expert report by Joe McAlexander. VAC's counsel learned of this dissemination and on October 23, 2007, Thomas Jackson e-mailed Michael Gruber to find out what had taken place. See GHJH 001364-65, received in evidence at the magistrate judge's hearing. Ultimately Eric Tautfest confirmed that the subject expert report had been inadvertently disseminated to parties in a patent case filed in the Eastern District of Texas in which T-Netix was a party and in which the Gruber law firm was its counsel of record.

The evidence before the court and the statements made by counsel at the April 16, 2008, hearing establish that the Gruber law firm successfully clawed back all copies of the McAlexander report from parties in the Eastern District of Texas case. Further, Eric Tautfest agreed - pursuant to

the undersigned magistrate judge's oral directive at the hearing - that copies of any documents which had been produced by VAC in this case under the agreed protective order and which the Gruber law firm had received from T-Netix's counsel of record in this case would be destroyed or returned by the Gruber law firm unless or until the Gruber law firm entered its formal appearance as counsel of record for T-Netix in *this action*.

The magistrate judge finds that T-Netix and its attorneys' arguments that the conduct in which they engaged in filing pleadings and documents in the state court action which were in contravention to the terms of the District Court's agreed protective order in *this action* to be a mere "technical violation" and not inconsistent with the "spirit" of the agreed protective order to be disingenuous and wholly unpersuasive.

In the first place it was Mr. Pittman in cooperation with Robert W. Turner, representing

VAC, that drafted the very terms of the order which the District Court signed. Together they chose to define "counsel" as "mean[ing] only outside attorneys retained by the parties to work on this litigation..." See Agreed Protective Order (Doc. 44) at ¶ 9. Further, ¶ 19, *supra*, imposes express restrictions on the uses to which confidential information can be put which do not include - as noted by Judge Carlos R. Cortez - using such information in pleadings filed in the pending state court action between these adversaries. As noted above, the agreed protective order in *this action* also provided a means to contest an improper confidentiality designation. ¶¶ 17 and 18. The facts and circumstances before the court with respect to the proceedings in No. 03-11399-B in September and early October 2007 show that T-Netix's attorneys did not seek a modification of VAC's designations of documents from this court prior to filing copies in the state court. In fact, it appears that VAC's attorneys learned that its confidentially designated documents were being included in state court filings only upon their receipt of copies of the same. Finally, as evidenced by the record on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and after receipt of Mr. Turner's letter of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Pittman proceeded to argue that the protective order in *this action* did not prohibit the state court from reviewing such designated materials.

I further find that the statements and arguments that members of the Gruber law firm were retained outside attorneys to work on this litigation, and thus were persons authorized to receive confidential information to be incredible and wholly unworthy of belief. While there is no doubt that the firm was retained to represent T-Netix and/or Securus in litigation involving specifically identified third-parties, neither the amended engagement letter dated April 9, 2007, nor the internal e-mails within the law firm imply or suggest that the firm understood that it was representing T-Netix in this case at the time it received documents which VAC had produced. To the contrary, it

appears that the law firm's lawyers were unaware of the protective order in *this action* when copies of the McAlexander expert report were disseminated. The declaration of Melissa Drennan executed on April 11, 2008, is nothing but back fill in an effort to exonerate T-Netix's counsel of record in *this action* from a violation of the express terms of the agreed protective order.<sup>2</sup>

In summary the magistrate judge finds that T-Netix and its counsel of record, The Pittman Law Firm, P.C. and Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP, knowingly and deliberately violated the terms of the agreed protective order filed in this action on March 3, 2006.

Having concluded that T-Netix and its attorneys in *this action* knowingly and intentionally violated the terms of the District Court's Agreed Protective Order, the magistrate judge now addresses the sanctions and remedies which should be imposed. It is axiomatic that litigants and their counsel of record must obey court orders unless the orders are modified or vacated by the issuing courts or by higher courts with appellate jurisdiction. Failures to abide by duly issued orders undermine the disposition of cases under the rule of law.

Protective orders are frequently used to balance the interests of a party in obtaining relevant information from a party opponent or a non-party while at the same time protecting the interests of a responder in assuring that its proprietary and confidential information is only disclosed to a limited category of persons and not available to the public at large. In the instance of intellectual property (IP) litigation, such as that in which T-Netix and VAC are engaged, cases could hardly proceed at all absent the entry of protective orders, given the highly sensitive nature of the subject matter of the suits and the fact that more often than not the opposing litigants are business competitors as well.

It is against the backdrop of T-Netix's actions and that of its counsel in this case and the

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<sup>2</sup>See exhibits received at the hearing on April 16, 2008.

necessity that protective orders be honored that the magistrate judge addresses the relief to which VAC is entitled.

At the outset I do not find that any injunctive relief is necessary at this time. As noted above, the pleadings and papers improperly filed in No. 03-11399-B were segregated from access on October 3, 2007, and were ultimately returned to T-Netix's counsel without ever having been seen by anyone in that case. Similarly, copies of the McAlexander report were retrieved by the Gruber firm and they and all other documents were returned to T-Netix's attorneys in this case or otherwise destroyed. However, such is not to say that the present state of affairs was obtained without a price.

As set out above, the Agreed Protective Order in *this action* was drafted by the attorneys. No effort was taken to obtain a modification of its terms until after T-Netix's counsel filed the designated documents in the State court action without prior notice to VAC's counsel, after Mr. Pittman argued in the state court that the judge was free to order VAC to produce the records pursuant to the licensing agreement and urged the state judge to modify the District Court's protective order in *this action*, and after the state court judge recused himself in the state action. In each instance when VAC, informally through counsel, e.g. Appendix at 1509-10, or pursuant to a formal motion, e.g. VAC's emergency motion, *Id.* at 1534, and until April 16, 2008, when T-Netix's counsel conceded that they and T-Netix had been guilty of a technical violation of the Agreed Protective Order, T-Netix vigorously opposed VAC's position resulting in time and expense incurred by VAC in filing its motion, appendices and reply as well as additional time expended by the court in reviewing the voluminous appendices filed relating to the present motion.

The case law is not entirely clear with respect to the source of a court's authority to sanction this misconduct of litigants and attorneys who violate an order. In *Natural Gas Pipeline Co. v.*



*Energy Gathering, Inc.* the Fifth Circuit citing *Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 47, 111 S.Ct.

2123 (1991), observed that:

"The inherent power to sanction bad faith conduct must extend to reach individuals and conduct not directly addressed by other mechanisms ... Although it is unclear whether the inherent power to sanction discovery abuses extends to abuses committed by non-parties, there is no doubt that this power may be applied to attorneys in the case. 2 F.3d 1397, 1411 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1993).

In other instances the Fifth Circuit has affirmed a district court's civil contempt order imposed against a litigant and its attorney. In *Lyn-Lea Travel Corp. v. American Airlines, Inc.*, 238 F.3d 282, 290-91 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002), the court noted that one of the purposes of a civil contempt order was to compensate a party for losses sustained as a result of the contemnor's actions. The court went on to cite *FDIC v. LeGrand*, 43 F.3d 163, 170 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995), for the three requirements for a finding of civil contempt, i.e. (1) that a court order was in effect; (2) that the order required certain conduct by the respondent; and (3) that the respondent failed to comply with the court's order. For the reasons and findings set out above VAC has made the requisite showing for an order holding T-Netix and its counsel of record, Aubrey "Nick" Pittman and Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP in civil contempt of court.

VAC also seeks an order disqualifying T-Netix's present counsel of record in this case. It is extremely disheartening to the undersigned that in their zeal to represent the interests of a client T-Netix's attorneys, who otherwise enjoy outstanding professional representations, have allowed their obligation to a client to take precedence - in this instance - over their higher obligation as officers of the court to see that its orders are obeyed. However, I do not think this single instance, reprehensible as it may be, is subject to repetition or is of such magnitude as to warrant an order disqualifying them from further representation of T-Netix, Inc., in the present action.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For the foregoing reasons it is recommended that the District Court find that T-Netix, Inc. and its counsel of record knowingly and deliberately violated the terms of the court's Agreed Protective Order filed in this action on March 3, 2006, and

That the court further find that Value-Added Communications, Inc., is entitled to recover its reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees incurred in obtaining relief under the inherent authority of the court to sanction bad faith conduct on the part of T-Netix, Inc. and its counsel of record in this action or alternatively upon the District Court's determination that T-Netix, Inc. and its counsel of record in this case are guilty of civil contempt of court for knowingly and willfully failing to comply with the terms of the court's Agreed Protective Order, and

That the District Court determine the reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees incurred by Value-Added Communications, Inc. and order T-Netix, Inc., Aubrey "Nick" Pittman and Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP, jointly and severally, to pay such expenses to Value-Added Communications, Inc. or in the alternative that the fees and expenses issue be remanded to the magistrate judge for determination.

A copy of this recommendation shall be transmitted to counsel for the parties.

SIGNED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2008.



WM. F. SANDERSON, JR.  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**NOTICE**

In the event that you wish to object to this recommendation, you are hereby notified that you must file your written objections within ten (10) days after being served with a copy of this

recommendation. Pursuant to Douglass v. United Servs. Auto Ass'n, 79 F.3d 1415 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996) (en banc), a party's failure to file written objections to these proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law within such ten-day period may bar a de novo determination by the district judge of any finding of fact or conclusion of law and shall bar such party, except upon grounds of plain error, from attacking on appeal the unobjected to proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law accepted by the district court.

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION**

**T-NETIX, INC.**

**Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant**

**v.**

**VALUE-ADDED COMMUNICATIONS,  
INC.**

**Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff**

**v.**

**SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

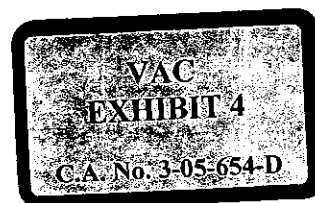
**Counter-Defendant**

**Case No. 3-05-654-D**

**DECLARATION OF STEPHANIE D. CLOUSTON**

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Stephanie D. Clouston being  
by me first duly sworn on her oath stated as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and am competent to testify to the matters contained  
herein, which are made from my personal knowledge.
2. I am an attorney licensed to practice in the state and federal district courts in  
Texas. Currently I am a partner with Alston & Bird LLP. Previously, when I was a partner with  
Jones Day, I was counsel of record for Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff Value-Added  
Communications, Inc. ("VAC") in this litigation. I also represented VAC during the pendency of  
the Dallas County, Texas state court litigation between VAC and T-Netix, Inc., Cause No.  
03-11399-B ("State Court Litigation").



3. T-Netix, Inc. and its parent Securus Technologies, Inc. are referred to herein as "T-Netix/Securus."

4. In this patent infringement litigation between competitors, the parties and their counsel anticipated the exchange of highly confidential, proprietary and technical documents and information. Therefore, prior to the exchange of any such information and documents, the parties and their counsel entered into an Agreed Protective Order ("Protective Order") pursuant to which certain documents and information could be designated and treated as "Attorneys Eyes Only" ("AEO designation").

5. T-Netix/Securus submitted to the court in the State Court Litigation documents bearing the AEO designation from this litigation. Judge Cortez, who was the District Court Judge presiding over the State Court Litigation, determined that he had to recuse himself as a result of a hearing in which counsel for T-Netix/Securus presented and argued from AEO-designated documents only produced in this litigation. T-Netix/Securus used the delay to argue for reconsideration of many dispositive, expert, and discovery motions that Judge Cortez had already ruled in favor of VAC. As a result of the recusal of Judge Cortez, the State Court Litigation was delayed, and VAC incurred unnecessary costs and expenses.

6. During the course of discovery in this case, T-Netix/Securus submitted the Rebuttal Report of its expert, Joseph McAlexander ("McAlexander Rebuttal Report"). I recall that the McAlexander Rebuttal Report was over 100 pages long and quoted extensively and verbatim from confidential and proprietary VAC documents and deposition transcripts of VAC witnesses, that included the AEO designation. I therefore sent a letter on behalf of VAC designating the McAlexander Rebuttal Report as AEO under the Protective Order.

7. I was present during the April 2008 hearing before Magistrate Judge William F. Sanderson regarding the violations by T-Netix/Securus and their counsel of the Protective Order and the motion by T-Netix/Securus requesting that certain documents be declassified from their confidential designation. Present at that hearing, among others, was Eric Tautfest, a former partner of the Gruber Hurst Johansen & Hail firm ("Gruber Hurst"). Judge Sanderson found that the Bell Nunnally & Martin and Pittman Law firms, both counsel of record for T-Netix/Securus in this litigation, had violated the Protective Order by providing documents which were covered by the Protective Order, including the McAlexander Rebuttal Report, to Gruber Hurst. Gruber Hurst was counsel for T-Netix/Securus in other patent infringement cases between T-Netix/Securus and inmate telephone competitors pending in other federal courts.

8. The relief I sought on behalf of VAC at the April 2008 hearing before Judge Sanderson included both a request for attorneys' fees and injunctive relief enforcing the Protective Order as well as an order disqualifying counsel for T-Netix/Securus from further participation in this litigation.

9. During the April 2008 hearing, Mr. Tautfest of Gruber Hurst represented to the Court and VAC's counsel that the documents had been clawed back from third parties and the public record, and Judge Sanderson determined that neither injunctive relief nor disqualification of any of T-Netix/Securus's counsel were appropriate remedies. However, having found that the Protective Order was violated, Judge Sanderson decided that sanctions in the form of attorneys' fees would be appropriate. Judge Sanderson recommended to this Court that monetary sanctions be awarded in favor of VAC against Bell Nunnally, The Pittman firm, and T-Netix/Securus for their violations of the Protective Order.

10. In August 2008, VAC entered into a settlement agreement by which this case was settled and dismissed and agreed to withdraw the then-pending sanctions motion that Judge Sanderson had recommended be granted insofar as VAC sought its attorneys' fees and expenses. The representations made by Mr. Tautfest at the April 2008 hearing that Gruber Hurst would and (subsequently did) return and/or delete all versions of the confidential documents that were the subject of the April 2008 hearing were relied on by Judge Sanderson in determining which sanctions should be imposed and also were relied on by VAC in deciding to withdraw the pending sanctions motion. Since Gruber Hurst was continuing to represent T-Netix/Securus in patent infringement litigation against other inmate telephone competitors, the assurances that Gruber Hurst no longer possessed VAC's confidential and proprietary AEO designated documents from this litigation, and the accompanying elimination of the risk of a subsequent "inadvertent" production of the documents, were important.

11. On or about August 24, 2010, Anthony Magee, a partner of Gruber Hurst, called me and asked for my help in requesting VAC's permission to provide Gruber Hurst with certain documents, which would have included the McAlexander Rebuttal Report, for production in litigation pending between T-Netix/Securus and Combined Public Communications, Inc. (the "Combined Litigation") and between T-Netix/Securus and Pinnacle Public Services LLC (the "Pinnacle Litigation"). Mr. Magee memorialized his request in an email to me dated August 25, 2010. In that email Mr. Magee states, in part, "I have not seen these [invalidity] contentions because of the prohibitions contained in the protective order, but I understand that they were designated as confidential under the protective order in place in that litigation." Although by that time Jones Day and I no longer represented VAC, I passed Mr. Magee's request on to VAC.

It is my understanding that VAC never agreed that Gruber Hurst could obtain copies of or produce the confidential information in the Combined Litigation and Pinnacle Litigation.

12. Much later, as described below, I learned that prior to the time Mr. Magee reached out to me in late August 2010 in an attempt to obtain VAC's consent to obtain and potentially produce VAC's AEO designated, the McAlexander Rebuttal Report had already been produced by Gruber Hurst to Combined's then counsel (Stites & Harbison) in the Combined Litigation and Gruber Hurst was attempting to claw that report back.

13. In November 2010, a couple of months after Mr. Magee contacted me in August 2010, my then law firm, Jones Day, became successor counsel for Combined Public Communications, Inc. ("CPC") in the Combined Litigation. In the process of Jones Day becoming successor counsel for CPC, Stites & Harbison transferred to Jones Day the discovery materials which had been produced to date by T-Netix/Securus. My recollection is that there were over 400,000 pages of materials.

14. Just prior to the time Jones Day began representing CPC, the parties in the Combined Litigation had participated in an unsuccessful mediation session before the Federal Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Another mediation session was subsequently scheduled before the Federal Magistrate Judge in which Jones Day participated for CPC. After that mediation session also proved unsuccessful, amended pleadings and motions to dismiss were filed by the parties in the Combined Litigation. Thus, Jones Day was engaged in motions practice for about 8 months following the time it appeared as counsel for CPC in the Combined Litigation.

15. Subsequently, in or about July 2011, in preparation for upcoming discovery



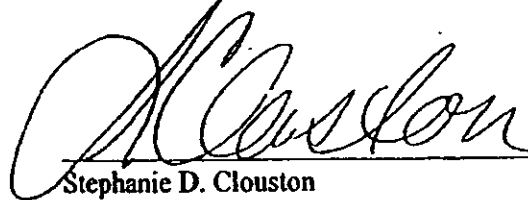
depositions, I asked one of my associates at Jones Day to review discovery-related correspondence that were in the files transferred in or about November 2010 to Jones Day by CPC's former counsel Stites & Harbison. During that review, the Jones Day associate brought to my attention two documents she found while reviewing the discovery correspondence: (1) an August 27, 2010 letter from Mr. Magee to Stites & Harbison referencing Gruber Hurst's "inadvertent" production of privileged documents and (2) the privilege log enclosed with Mr. Magee's letter. I immediately recognized that among the materials identified in the privilege log was the McAlexander Rebuttal Report, one of the AEO designated documents subject to the Protective Order in this litigation. This was the first time that I had seen either Mr. Magee's letter or the attached privilege log.

16. I first realized in July 2011 that Gruber Hurst had already obtained and produced VAC's confidential information, including the McAlexander Rebuttal Report, and had attempted to claw the McAlexander Rebuttal Report back from opposing counsel before Mr. Magee approached me in August 2010. Before that time, I was unaware that Gruber Hurst may have, contrary to representations made to VAC and Judge Sanderson, impermissibly retained and/or T-Netix/Securus had impermissibly been provided with and retained copies of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report after the April 2008 contempt hearing.

17. Around this same time, I left Jones Day and joined Alston & Bird LLP. In October 2011, Jones Day notified VAC of the apparent misuse by T-Netix/Securus and/or its outside counsel, Gruber Hurst of VAC's confidential information in further violation of the Protective Order.

Dated: December 14, 2012.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
Stephanie D. Clouston

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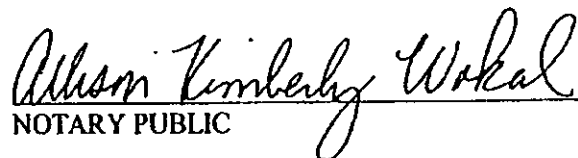
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on the 14th day of December, 2012, to  
certify which, witness my hand and official seal.



  
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April 16, 2008

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Re: *T-Netix, Inc., and Evercom Systems, Inc. v. Global Tel\*Link Corporation, et al;*  
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Exhibit A to Tautfest Declaration

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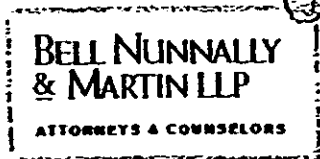
Sincerely,



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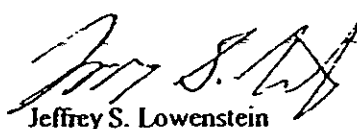
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**Re: Civil Action No. 3:05-CV-0654-D; T-Netix, Inc. v. Value-Added Communications, Inc. v. Securus Technologies, Inc.; United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.**

Dear Ms. Clouston:

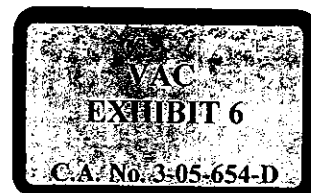
Following yesterday's hearing in front of Judge Sanderson, we received from Gruber Hurst Johanson & Hail ("GHJH") all documents previously provided to GHJH subject to the protective order in the above-referenced matter. GHJH has also confirmed that GHJH has deleted the above documents from its database and has destroyed all working copies of the documents. Please let me know if you would like me to send the documents to you or maintain them at our office.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey S. Lowenstein

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VAC App. 520

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Re: T-NETIX, Inc. v. Value-Added Communications, Inc., Case No. 3:05-CV-0654-D,  
United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division

Dear Jeff:

We have received your letter of April 17, 2008, notifying us that Gruber Hurst Johanson & Hail has returned to you all copies of documents that contain any information designated by VAC as "confidential" under the Agreed Protective Order. Please send all of these documents to my office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie D. Clouston*  
By permission  
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Stephanie D. Clouston, Esq.

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Communications, Inc. v. Securus Technologies, Inc.; United States District  
Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.**

Dear Stephanie:

Per your request earlier today, I am enclosing with this letter all of those documents returned to Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP by Gruber Hurst Johansen & Hail related to the above-referenced case, along with a letter from Eric Tautfest confirming the enclosed documents were all documents Gruber Hurst Johansen & Hail received regarding the VAC case. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Nick Pittman  
Jeff Lowenstein  
Eric Tautfest (via e-mail)  
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APP. 003

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric S. Tautfest", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric S. Tautfest

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Christina:

As I stated over the telephone yesterday, as a result of your recent inquiry, we have discovered that a batch of privileged documents appear to have been inadvertently included on the hard drive that we sent you earlier this month. We are developing a preliminary privilege log identifying these documents, which I anticipate being able to send to you tomorrow. Once you received the log, please take immediate steps to delete the identified documents from your database. Also, please return the hard drive to me once you are done with it. I appreciate your cooperation.

Lastly, we have obtained some consents to produce confidential license agreements to you. I am having those documents processed for production and am hopeful of being able to send them to you tomorrow. We are still working diligently with some of the licensees to obtain their consents and will keep you informed of our progress.

Best regards.

Tony Magee  
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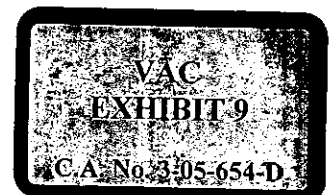
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To: Anthony Magee  
Subject: RE: T-Netix v. Combined

Tony,

It was good speaking with you this morning. I spoke with one of our e-discovery paralegals and we can simply delete the privileged documents from the production on our system. This appears to be the most efficient way to address the issue as we have already uploaded the majority of the production. Please provide a privilege log with

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the relevant document numbers as soon as possible.



Best regards,

Christina

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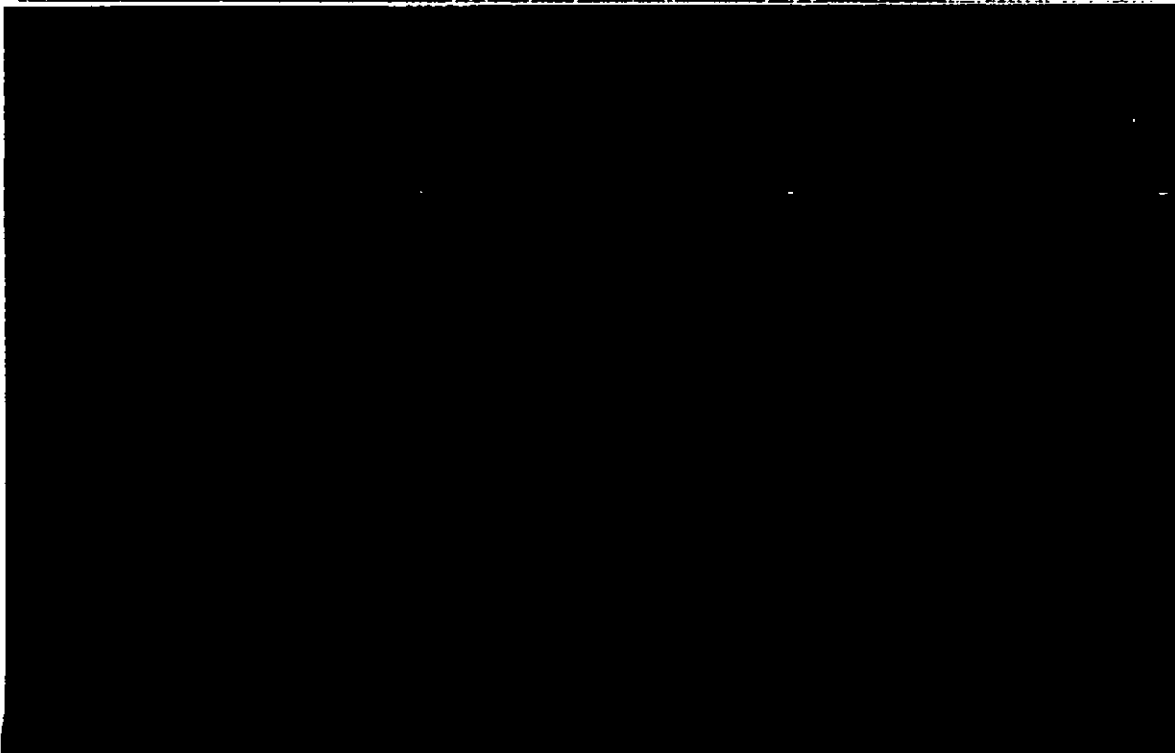
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Stephanie:

Thank you for taking the time to talk to me last night. I have attached a copy of the letter that my colleague sent to VAC's CEO earlier this month.

Please would you follow up with VAC and let me know as soon as you can what its position is with regard to our clients producing in the two cases identified above marked as "Confidential - Attorneys Eyes Only" the agreements identified in the letter. Also, please let me know whether VAC is agreeable to our client disclosing to these defendants VAC's invalidity contentions that were served in its litigation with our clients. I have not seen these contentions because of the prohibitions contained in the protective order, but I understand that they were designated as confidential under the protective order in place in that litigation.

I appreciate your assistance. Please call me if you have any questions.

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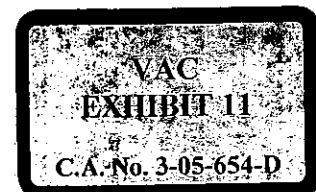
Re: *T-Netix, Inc. v. Combined Public Communications, Inc.*, Cause No:  
3:09CV-743-S, in the United States District Court for the Western District  
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Dear Counsel:

Following my recent discussions with Christina Ryan regarding our inadvertent production of privileged documents in this litigation, I have enclosed a preliminary privilege log identifying the documents or pages of documents that we wish to snapback and require you to remove from your database. Please note that item 1 on the log is not being snapped back on the basis of attorney-client privilege or attorney work product. Rather, this is a document relating to invalidity contentions that is protected from disclosure by a protective order in prior litigation involving our client, but was inadvertently included in our document production. As indicated in previous discussions, we are willing to produce this document to you pursuant to a court order or with the consent of the party whose confidential information is referred to in the document, namely, Value Added Communication, Inc. ("VAC"). We are in discussions with VAC and will let you know its position as soon as we can.

Please confirm promptly that you have deleted all copies of the documents identified in the enclosed privilege log. If you would like us to provide replacement copies of any of the documents with respect to which only some pages have been snapped back, please let me know.

As I mentioned in prior correspondence, we have received consents from some of the patent licensees to produce to you copies of the confidential patent license agreements referred to in our client's discovery responses. I have enclosed a disk containing copies of those agreements, which have been designated as "Confidential - Attorneys Eyes Only." As we obtain additional consents, we will send you copies of the additional documents.



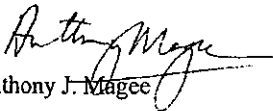
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Joel T. Beres, Esq. and  
Christina I. Ryan, Esq.  
August 27, 2010  
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Regarding the Omniphone subpoena duces tecum, Omniphone is working to produce the documents we have requested, but is not yet in a position to produce them. Therefore, the deposition that we noticed for August 31 will have to be deferred.

Please provide me with a prompt response to my August 25 email identifying, as you requested, the financial documents that we require from your client well before the Court-ordered settlement conference.

Very truly yours,

  
Anthony J. Magee

Enc.

Cc: Thomas P. O'Brien (via electronic mail/ without disc)  
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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T-NETIX, INC.,

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v.

COMBINED PUBLIC  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Defendant.

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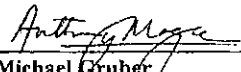
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**PLAINTIFF'S PRELIMINARY PRIVILEGE LOG**

Pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 26, Plaintiff T-Netix, Inc. hereby submits its Preliminary Privilege Log attached as Exhibit "A" hereto.

Dated: August 27, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that all counsel of record are being served with a copy of this document via electronic mail and Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on this 27th day of August, 2010.

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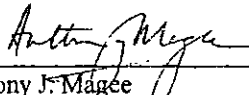
  
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EXHIBIT "A"

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1.	ST200646-200760	07/02/07	Rebuttal Expert Report	Joseph McAlexander		Confidential document covered by Protective Order
2.	ST227524-227533	December 2003	PowerPoint - Litigation Strategies	Jennifer Gaines, Gen. Counsel	Evercom Board of Directors	Attorney Client and Work Product
3.	ST227732-227741	December 2003	PowerPoint - Litigation Strategies	Jennifer Gaines, Gen. Counsel	Evercom Board of Directors	Attorney Client and Work Product
4.	ST 229991-229998	December 2003	PowerPoint- Litigation Strategies	Jennifer Gaines, Gen. Counsel	Evercom Board of Directors	Attorney Client and Work Product
5.	ST301219-235	12/15/02	Email re ProjectSNAP with draft PowerPoint seeking legal advice	Tim Murphy	Dick Falcone, Sandra Skogen (Legal Counsel), John Viola, Bob Mudd	Attorney Client Communication
6.	ST301242-247	12/16/02	Email re ProjectSNAP	Tim Murphy	Dick Falcone, Sandra Skogen, John Viola, Bob Mudd	Attorney Client Communication
7.	ST307141-143	10/26/07	Report regarding litigation	M. Polozola, representative of T-Netix & Evercom	Gruber Hurst Johansen & Hail LLP	Attorney Client and Work Product
8.	ST373526-529	Undated	Settlement Due Diligence Request List (previous Global litigation)	McKool Smith		Attorney Client and Work Product

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9.	ST373982	05/06/03	Email regarding GOTU patent	David Hayes of Fenwick & West	Theodore Stevenson, III, Douglas Cawley, Rick Cree, Wayne Johnson, Michael Blum	Attorney Client and Work Product
10.	ST373997	12/06/02	Letter enclosing documents and advice regarding patent prosecution.	Thomas L. Ewing of Fenwick & West	Rick Cree of T-Netix, Inc.	Attorney Client and Work Product
11.	ST374008-374010	11/15/02	Letter regarding status of application	Thomas L. Ewing of Fenwick & West	Rick Cree of T-Netix, Inc.	Attorney Client and Work Product
12.	ST374023-374024	07/18/02	Letter enclosing documents and advice regarding patent rights.	Thomas L. Ewing of Fenwick & West	Rick Cree of T-Netix, Inc.	Attorney Client and Work Product
13.	ST374054-374055	06/26/02	Email re patent application	Michael Bum of Fenwick & West	Rick Cree, David Hayes, Doug Cawley	Attorney Client Communication
14.	ST374070-374071	03/05/02	Letter regarding status of applications	Thomas L. Ewing of Fenwick & West	Rick Cree of T-Netix, Inc.	Attorney Client and Work Product
15.	ST374168-374169	03/13/01	Letter enclosing documents and advice regarding patent prosecution.	Michael R. Blum of Fenwick & West	Rick Cree of T-Netix, Inc.	Attorney Client and Work Product

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VIA FACSIMILE & EMAIL

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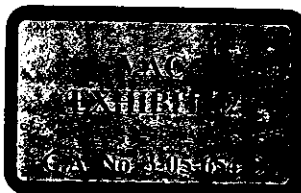


Re: Cause No. 3-05-654-D; *T-NETIX, Inc. v. Value-Added Communications, Inc. v. Securus Technologies, Inc.*; In the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas (the "Northern District of Texas Litigation")

Ms. Clouston,

Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP represents T-NETIX, Inc. ("T-NETIX"), Securus Technologies, Inc. ("Securus"), Richard A. Smith ("Smith"), and Dennis J. Reinhold ("Reinhold") (collectively, the "Securus Parties"). We along with Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank LLP ("Gruber") recently learned, through documents filed with the Court in the Northern District of Texas and communications with current counsel for Value-Added Communications, Inc. ("VAC") that counsel for VAC believes you are in possession of a document, specifically the McAlexander Rebuttal Report, that is subject to the March 3, 2006 Protective Order entered in the Northern District of Texas Litigation (the "Protective Order"). Because Combined's prior counsel committed to destroy all copies of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report and because you, as VAC's former counsel, and Combined's current counsel, are prohibited from retaining the document, demand is hereby made that you *immediately* destroy all copies of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report.

We understand that prior counsel for Combined Public Communications, Inc. ("Combined") received a copy of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report as part of a grouping of inadvertently produced privileged documents as part of a document production in the litigation pending between Combined and T-NETIX in cause no. 3:09-cv-00743-CRS-DW, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky (Bowling Green Division) (the "Combined Litigation") in approximately August 2010. Shortly after the inadvertent production of the document, counsel for T-NETIX in the Combined Litigation clawed back the McAlexander Rebuttal Report. In fact, Stites & Harbison, PLLC, then counsel for Combined, agreed to destroy all digital copies of a grouping of privileged documents, which included the McAlexander Rebuttal Report, and to return the hard drive containing the original set of produced documents. Joel Beres, a partner at Stites & Harbison, who was the attorney-in-charge





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for Combined in the Combined Litigation in August 2010 has confirmed that the inadvertently produced documents were deleted from counsel's electronic database. The original hard drive containing the production was returned to Gruber by Stiles & Harbison on October 4, 2010, several weeks before you made your appearance as counsel of record for Combined in the Combined Litigation.

As stated above, we are surprised to learn from current counsel for VAC that you possess a copy of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report. VAC's counsel has alleged it is concerned that Combined, a competitor of VAC, would have access to the allegedly confidential information contained in the McAlexander Rebuttal Report. As you are aware of, and subject to, the Protective Order, and as a result of your continuing obligations to VAC, as its prior counsel in the Northern District of Texas Litigation, there is no justification for your failure to immediately purge the McAlexander Rebuttal Report from your files. If VAC's counsel is incorrect and you are no longer in possession of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report, please so confirm. Additionally, please conduct an additional review of the production and file in the Combined Litigation and confirm that the report, including all hard copies, electronic copies, and any related metadata, has in fact been completely purged.

In the event you are currently in possession of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report, and to assist us in ensuring full compliance with the Protective Order, within ten (10) days from the date of this letter please: (1) provide written confirmation to us that all hard copies of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report have been destroyed, (2) provide written confirmation to us that all electronic copies of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report, including all related metadata, have been deleted from your electronic files; (3) provide written confirmation to us that the McAlexander Rebuttal Report has not been disclosed to Combined or any other person or party, and (4) provide an explanation, in writing, regarding how and when you obtained the copy of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report in your possession. If you have disclosed the McAlexander Rebuttal Report to anyone outside the Protective Order, please provide contact information for that person so we can follow-up with those third parties to ensure they have destroyed any copies of the report provided by you or Combined's former counsel.

If you fail to promptly and completely respond to this letter, Securus will consider its legal remedies related to this matter. We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Lowenstein

Anthony J. Magee

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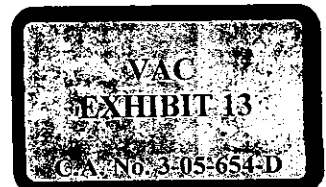
Re: Cause No. 3-05-654-D; *T-NETIX, Inc. v. Value-Added Communications, Inc. v. Securus Technologies, Inc.*; In the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas ("Northern District of Texas Litigation")

Dear Mr. Lowenstein and Mr. Magee:

As you know, I was prior counsel for Value-Added Communications, Inc. in the Northern District of Texas Litigation and currently represent Combined Public Communications, Inc. ("CPC") in a trio of lawsuits originated by the Securus Parties, all of which are pending in the Western District of Kentucky: (1) *Evercom Systems, Inc. v. Combined Public Communications, Inc. v. Securus Technologies, Inc.*, No. 1:09-cv-90 (Bowling Green Division); (2) *T-NETIX, Inc. v. Combined Public Communications, Inc. v. Securus Technologies, Inc., Evercom Systems, Inc., and Lattice Incorporated*, No. 3:09-cv-743 (Louisville Division); and (3) *Securus Technologies, Inc. v. Combined Public Communications, Inc.*, No. 3:12-cv-191 (Louisville Division).

I am in receipt of your joint letter dated October 3, 2012 related to the Securus Parties' and Gruber's production of materials in violation of the March 3, 2006 Protective Order entered in the Northern District of Texas Litigation ("Protective Order"). Your letter specifically refers to the Securus Parties' and Gruber's production in other federal litigation of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report, which is subject to the Protective Order and was central to a prior contempt proceeding before now retired Magistrate Judge Sanderson. According to your letter, the McAlexander Rebuttal Report was produced in "cause no. 3:09-cv-00743-CRS-DW, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky (Bowling Green Division)." We are unaware of a case with that style pending in Bowling Green.

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As stated above, we are aware of a case pending in Bowling Green against CPC (Cause No. 1:09-cv-90) and two other cases pending in Louisville against CPC (Cause Nos. 3:09-cv-743 and 3:12-cv-191). Since your letter is unclear as to which case you are actually referring, I will address your request as to all three.

With regard to the Cause No. 1:09-cv-90 (Bowling Green), I do not believe that a copy of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report has ever been a part of discovery in this case and I never received a copy of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report produced in the Bowling Green case.

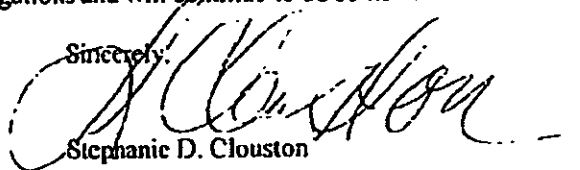
With regard to the Cause No. 3:09-cv-743 (Louisville), I did discover a copy of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report included in the discovery materials that I inherited when I took over representation of CPC. I recognized the document as subject to the Protective Order. As a result, the document was segregated and purged from our electronic database and all copies were destroyed. In addition, I do not have any hard copies of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report in my possession. Further, I never disseminated the document to anyone at CPC or produced it to CPC or to anyone else.

With regard to the Cause No. 3:12-cv-191 (Louisville), I never received any copy of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report in this case.

To the extent that Securus has produced additional copies of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report or any other materials subject to the Protective Order in any of the lawsuits originated by the Securus Parties against CPC, please identify those materials and I will likewise comply with my professional obligations.

Finally, I am shocked that you would find it appropriate to threaten "legal remedies related to this matter" if I "fail to promptly and completely respond to this letter." As I understand it, this is your first correspondence to me related to this issue. Furthermore, you are asking me for information about a document that neither Gruber nor the Securus Parties should have ever had in its possession, but which you nonetheless produced in other litigation in which I am involved. Prior to receipt of your threatening letter, I had already taken affirmative steps to remedy your improper production. I have always sought to fulfill my ethical obligations and will continue to do so now.

Sincerely,



Stephanie D. Clouston

cc: Donna Mangold, Esq.  
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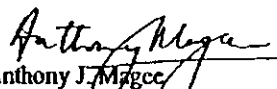
Re: **T-Netix, Inc. v. Value-Added Communications, Inc., Case No. 3-05-654-D,**  
**U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas**

Dear Mr. Cooter:

I am following up to reiterate in writing the proposal I made during our telephone conference earlier this week. In an effort to alleviate your client's continuing concern about the risk of possible further disclosure of the McAlexander Rebuttal Expert Report (the "Report"), my firm would agree to allow an independent outside expert to inspect our firm's computer servers, at our firm's cost, in order to ensure that any and all electronic copies of the Report are permanently erased from our firm's computer servers. We propose that the inspection be performed by one of the partners of the Dallas metroplex-based data forensics consultancy firm of G-C Partners, LLC, either David Cowen or Raphael Gorgal. I have attached copies of the resumes of Mr. Cowen and Mr. Gorgal. Please let me know promptly if you have any objection to this proposed course of action.

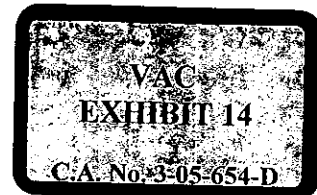
I appreciate your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

  
Anthony J. Magee

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Cc: (via electronic mail)  
Kenneth P. Kula  
Steven N. Williams  
Jeffrey S. Lowenstein



## David Cowen, CISSP

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### Experience

G-C PARTNERS, PARTNER

FIOS, SR. CONSULTANT

S3 PARTNERS, SR. SECURITY SPECIALIST

VIGILAR INC., SR. SECURITY SPECIALIST, DALLAS TX

ENSTAR LLC, SECURITY SERVICES MANAGER, Dallas TX

SOUTH TEXAS INTERNET, Partner, Brownsville, TX

TRIDENT DATA SYSTEMS, Network Security Engineer, San Antonio, TX & Colorado Springs, CO

### Computer Security

- Co author Hacking Exposed: Computer Forensics
- Co author Anti Hacker Toolkit, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition
- Expert in Unix security, Windows Security, web security and network security penetration studies
- Extensive security experience in the following systems: Windows NT (3.51 and 4.0), Windows 2000, Windows 95/98, Novell (3.1&4.11) Unix (Irix, SunOs, OpenBSD, FreeBSD, Linux, HP/UX, AIX, Solaris, Osfi, Sco, sco mvst+, etc...), MPE/XL, VAX/VMS, Primos, Picos, various older os's
- Experience setting up all major firewalls, VPN and router products including: multiple platforms of Cyberguard, Raptor, Firewall-1, TIS Toolkit, ipfwadmin, gauntlet, Cisco, Bay(Nortel), 3com, and Ascend, ipfilter, Altiga
- Extensive experience with all aspects of TCP/IP.
- Experience in installing and configuring secure VoIP
- Experience in Computer Forensics, Product Experience with: EnCase Professional, TCT, and other forensic tools
- Expert Witness

### Telecommunications Security

- Expert in Telecommunications Security
- Extensive security experience with the following PBX systems including: AT&T Definity G (All models), Samsung Prostar DCS, Meridian, Rolm-CBX, intertel, comdial, executech various older models
- Also security experience with large switching systems including: AT&T 1aESS, 5ESS, Northern Telecom DMS series, GTE GTDS, Ericsson Axo 10
- Extensive experience with microwave wireless networking and security, including: DSSS vs FH, multiple licensing schemes, and Point to Point and Multipoint configurations
- Experience with microwave wireless systems: breezecom, waveaccess, wavespan and proxim models
- Design and management of a multi point-to-point international microwave network for ics.net

### Programming

- Experience with pascal, perl, sh (various shells within), c, c++, java, tcl/tk, visual c, visual basic, and relational query languages: SQL, Quel
- Experience with relational database systems: Oracle, MS SQL, Access

### Education

University of Texas at Dallas - B.S. Computer Science

### Certifications and Training

CISSP Certified Information Systems Security Professional

CCSE Checkpoint Certified Security Engineer

TSSA TelSweep Security Administrator

HTCIA Spring Training Conference

PROXIM - Rangelan2

Wavespan & Waveaccess

Black Hat Security Conference - Las Vegas, NV, July 2000

CCNA - Training

### Speaking Engagements

- US Air Force Information Protection Conference - Paterson AFB, Denver, CO

- USAA National Conference - USAA Headquarters, San Antonio, TX - Presentation of the Distributed Password Management Protocol

- InfraGard - FBI field office, Dallas, TX - Demonstrated Live Network Penetration to various federal & state law enforcement agencies and security executives representing US critical infrastructure companies

- ITEC Computer Showcase - Convention Center, Dallas, TX - Demonstrated a Network Penetration, Target Acquisition & User Profiling

- ITEC Computer Showcase - Convention Center, Dallas, TX - June - Panelist member for a network security discussion with various vendors.

- Enstar Security Symposium, San Antonio - Presenter - Demonstrated Live Network Penetration.

- Region One Technology Conference, South Padre Island - Presenter - Discussed Network Security In the Academic Environment

- HTCIA Dallas Chapter - Speaker - Discussed methodology used in previous computer forensic cases

- HTCIA Southwest Conference 2001 - Presented course on IDS to Law Enforcement and Private Sector computer investigators

- HTCIA Southwest Conference 2002 - Presented course on Unix forensics to Law Enforcement and Private Sector computer investigators

- Asset Recovery & Due Diligence Conference 2003 - Speaker

- Texas State Bar - Panelist Email Discovery conference

- HTCIA Southwest Conference 2004 - Presented course on Encase scripting language Enscript

### RAFAEL GORGAL

Mr. Gorgal is a Partner, with the firm of G-C Partners LLC, an information security consultancy, and the three term past President of the Southwest Chapter, High Technology Crime Investigations Association.

Mr. Gorgal has extensive experience in analyzing digital evidence and has conducted numerous forensic investigations, developed methodologies for use by incident response teams, and managed teams of forensic consultants. He has also developed computer forensic curriculums currently being taught to both private sector and law enforcement investigators.

He has consulted extensively in the area of information systems security, specifically dealing with network vulnerability assessments, computer forensics, high technology crime investigation, and cyber terrorism. Mr. Gorgal's work experience includes consultant to the Office of the Secretary of Defense regarding development and implementation of information systems security protection programs and initiatives concerning open-source intelligence. He helped pioneer several innovative private sector open-source intelligence initiatives currently utilized by the national security and emergency response communities. Mr. Gorgal has taught Information Security at Southern Methodist University and the University of California at Los Angeles, as part of their e-Commerce curriculum and the National Technological University, in their Advanced Engineering curriculum.

He is a frequent speaker at security community seminars and industry conferences. He has written numerous articles on information warfare and security management, which have appeared in web and print publications. He is also a contributing author to the best selling book, "Hacking Exposed - Computer Forensics, Secrets and Solutions", published by McGraw Hill in 2004.

As a recognized expert in data security, Mr. Gorgal has spoken extensively at industry conferences, including:

- InfoWarCon
- Escalation of the Terrorist Threat, Issues in Nuclear, Chemical/Biological and Cyber Terrorism
- High Technology Crime Investigations Association, Annual Conference
- Computer Associates, Regional Security Symposiums
- Certified Fraud Examiners, Annual Conference
- The Dawn of a New Millennium, High Technology Crime at the Turn of the Century

**Anthony Magee**

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**From:** Kenneth Kula <kula@mcdolewilliams.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 11:18 AM  
**To:** Shara Schafer  
**Cc:** Anthony Magee; Donna Mangold (dmangold@cootermangold.com); Dale A. Cooter (dcooter@cootermangold.com)  
**Subject:** RE: T-Netix/Value-Added Communications

Anthony,

I am writing to supplement my response below. We are asking that neither you, your firm, nor anyone at its direction purge the McAlexander Rebuttal Report that is at issue in this matter from your firm's computer system. Such a deletion, removal, or purge may affect the history of the document, including when and from where it came and to whom it went, as well as the metadata associated with the document. We ask this with the understanding that your firm will not further disseminate the document either within the firm, to your client, or to any third party. It is our belief that the safer course of conduct is to keep the document and all the information associated with it essentially in "lock down" on your firm's computer system until after this matter is resolved.

Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail.

Thanks.

Ken.

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**From:** Kenneth Kula  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2012 1:49 PM  
**To:** 'Shara Schafer'  
**Cc:** amagee@ghjhlaw.com  
**Subject:** RE: T-Netix/Value-Added Communications

Anthony,

I am writing in response to your November 9 correspondence to Dale Cooter. Contrary to your suggestion, it is not my client's place to object to your firm allowing "an independent outside expert to inspect [your] firm's computer servers, at [your] firm's cost, in order to ensure that any and all electronic copies of the Report are permanently erased from [your] firm's computer servers." Those measures, however, do not obviate the fact that all of the copies of the Report were not previously destroyed or returned as Ordered by the Court, nor do such measures have any effect on the pending matters before the Court.

Thank you.

Ken.

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**From:** Shara Schafer [mailto:sschafer@ghjhlaw.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2012 3:20 PM  
**To:** dcooter@cootermangold.com; Anthony Magee  
**Cc:** Kenneth Kula; Steve Williams; jeff@bellnumally.com; Shara Schafer  
**Subject:** T-Netix/Value-Added Communications

Dear Counsel,



Please see the attached correspondence in connection with the above matter. Same will be forwarded to you via regular mail.

If you have any questions please contact Anthony Magee.

Thank you,  
Shara C. Schafer  
Legal Secretary to Anthony J. Magee,  
Jonathan R. Childers and Robert E. Weitzel

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included managing several patent infringement suits on behalf of T-Netix, Inc. and Securus Technologies, Inc. ("Securus").

3. I am aware that before I joined the firm, Gruber Hurst represented T-Netix, Inc. in patent litigation brought by T-Netix, Inc. against Global Tel\*Link in *T-Netix, Inc. et al v. Global Tel-Link Corporation*, No. 2:06-CV-00425-TJW, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall District (the "Global Litigation"). The Global Litigation had been settled and disposed of before I joined Gruber Hurst and I did not work on the Global Litigation and was not aware of the details of the litigation. Eric Tautfest had left Gruber Hurst before I joined the firm.

4. After I joined Gruber Hurst, Securus filed the patent infringement actions referred to in paragraph 20 of VAC's Brief in support of Application to Show Cause filed under seal in this action ("VAC's Brief") as the Combined Litigation and the Pinnacle Litigation. My responsibilities included managing the day-to-activities on these two actions.

5. In August 2010, Gruber Hurst made simultaneous document productions in the Combined Litigation and the Pinnacle Litigation and produced, in large measure, the same documents in each case. I learned that the patents-in-suit in the Combined Litigation and the Pinnacle Litigation overlapped with the patents-in-suit in the Global Litigation and determined that we should produce in the Combined Litigation and the Pinnacle Litigation the documents that had been previously produced in the Global Litigation. I was not directed to do this by either Richard A. Smith, CEO of Securus, or Dennis Reinhold, General Counsel of Securus.



6. By August 2010, Lisa Miller, one of the firm's paralegals who had previously worked on the Global Litigation, had long since left the firm. I was being assisted in the Combined Litigation and Pinnacle Litigation by our paralegal, Josh Ellis, who had joined the firm in July 2010. At this time in August 2010, I was not aware of any of the facts and events set forth in paragraphs 1-20 of VAC's Brief, and had not seen the Protective Order referred to in paragraph 4 of VAC's Brief or the transcript of the April 16, 2008 hearing referred to in paragraph 13 of VAC's Brief.

7. In preparation for the document productions in the Combined Litigation and the Pinnacle Litigation, I instructed Josh Ellis to try to locate the documents that had been previously produced in the Global Litigation. He was unable to locate them in our office or on our computer system. I instructed him to contact our outside document vendor, Equivalent Data, who I understood had assisted in the preparation of document productions in the Global Litigation, to ascertain whether they had retained copies of the documents. Equivalent Data discovered that it had retained an archive of documents that had been produced in the Global Litigation, which it restored at my instruction. When the restoration was complete, however, Equivalent Data discovered that the archive did not contain the vast majority of the documents I was looking for.

8. On August 4, 2010, Equivalent Data conducted a GoToMeeting with Josh Ellis, which would enable them to connect to Josh's computer and search our Summation databases and server for the Volume IDs of the documents that we were looking for. During that meeting, instead of finding just the Volume IDs, Equivalent Data was actually able to locate the images of the documents that had previously been produced in the Global Litigation. This included the ST000001-400731 Bates range of documents.

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9. At my instruction, Josh Ellis arranged for the document images and load files to be downloaded to hard drives, which were then produced to opposing counsel in the Combined Litigation and the Pinnacle Litigation on August 6, 2010. Unknown to any of us at that time, the ST000001-400731 Bates range of documents included the McAlexander Rebuttal Report.

10. Shortly after August 6, 2010, then counsel for CPC, Christina Ryan, of Stites and Harbison, PLLC, informed me that her paralegal was loading the documents that we had produced and suspected, from some of the coding that was included with the documents, that we may have inadvertently produced some privileged documents. I investigated the matter and concluded that she was right. She and I agreed that I would send her a privilege log identifying any documents that we needed to claw-back and that she would have them deleted from her firm's computer system.

11. In the course of investigating and identifying the privileged documents that had been inadvertently produced, I learned that the McAlexander Rebuttal Report had also been produced. I discovered that this document had been identified as privileged on a privilege log prepared in the Global Litigation, but as it appeared to be an expert report, I did not understand why it was privileged. I discussed the matter with Michael Lang, an associate with Gruber Hurst who had worked on the Global Litigation, who informed me that the McAlexander Rebuttal Report was not privileged but that it was subject to the Protective Order in this case and should be clawed back from Combined and Pinnacle.

12. I prepared a privilege log, which included McAlexander Rebuttal Report, and sent it to counsel for Combined and Pinnacle enclosed with a letter dated August 27, 2010. A copy of my letter is attached as Exhibit "A." I instructed counsel to destroy the

documents identified on the privilege log and to return the hard drives to me. Counsel for Pinnacle confirmed by email that they had done this and returned the hard drive to us. A copy of the email from Pinnacle's counsel is attached as Exhibit "B." I cannot find written confirmation from Combined's counsel, Stites & Harbison, that they destroyed the clawed-back documents, but they did return the hard drive, as requested. Moreover, based on my communications with Christina Ryan, I have no doubt that Combined's counsel did comply with my claw-back request in 2010. Furthermore, I have spoken with Combined's former counsel, Joel Beres, who was lead attorney for Combined in August 2010, who has confirmed that his firm did, indeed, comply with my claw-back request.

13. For the reasons stated in this declaration, I believe that Gruber Hurst's retention of an electronic copy of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report and its subsequent production in the Global Litigation were inadvertent. In addition, I believe that the McAlexander Rebuttal Report was effectively clawed back from counsel for Combined and Pinnacle in the Combined Litigation and the Pinnacle Litigation and that no copies of the document should have remained in their possession. Furthermore, the documents that were produced in the Combined Litigation and the Pinnacle Litigation were produced subject to protective orders entered in those actions which prohibited counsel for Pinnacle and Combined from disclosing confidential documents, including the McAlexander Rebuttal Report, to their respective clients.

14. In about November 2010, Combined disengaged with its then counsel, Stites & Harbison, and replaced them with Stephanie Clouston, then of the Jones Day law firm, who, I understand, previously represented VAC in this action.

15. VAC has suggested in its filings that Combined's current counsel, Ms. Clouston, has a copy of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report and that VAC is concerned that Combined is using the information contained in the report to VAC's competitive disadvantage. If Ms. Clouston gave a copy of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report to Combined, she did in violation of both the protective order entered in the Combined Litigation and the protective order entered in this case. As former counsel for VAC in this action, Ms. Clouston would have been well aware of the terms of the protective order in this case and the significance of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report. I did not give a copy of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report to Ms. Clouston. If Ms. Clouston got that document from Combined's former counsel, then she must have obtained it as a result of their failure to comply with my claw-back demand and their express agreement to destroy the document.

16. On September 7, 2012, I requested and voluntarily attended a meeting with counsel for VAC together with Jeff Lowenstein of Bell Nunnally. My purpose in initiating and attending the meeting was to explain to VAC's counsel the circumstances surrounding Gruber Hurst's production of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report in the Combined Litigation and the Pinnacle Litigation, that it was inadvertent, and Gruber Hurst's "claw-back" of the documents, and to cooperate with VAC to ensure that any concern it had that the McAlexander Rebuttal Report was being misused or causing damage to VAC was allayed. I asked counsel for VAC whether they wanted me to take steps in the Combined Litigation to compel Ms. Clouston's compliance with the Protective Order in this case and the protective order entered in the Combined Litigation.

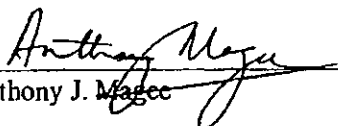
Counsel for VAC assured me that they did not want me to do that, stating that they would "handle" Ms. Clouston.

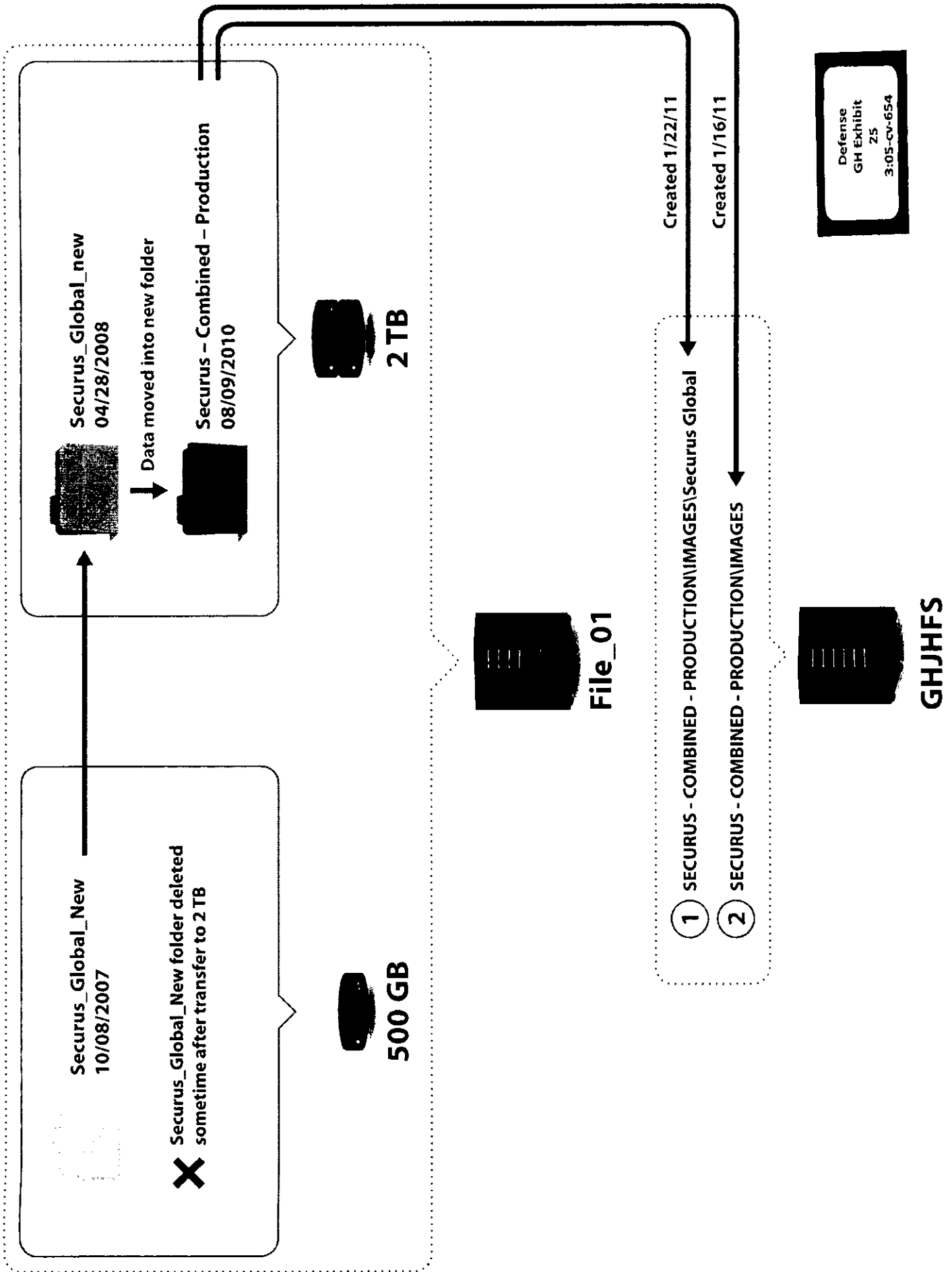
17. During that September 7 meeting, counsel for VAC explicitly accepted my explanation that the production of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report in August 2010 in the Combined Litigation and the Pinnacle Litigation had been inadvertent. Furthermore, counsel for the Securus Parties and I volunteered our assistance in the future to: (1) again confirm that any information that was inadvertently produced in August 2010 was clawed back in 2010, and (2) facilitate the return and/or destruction of any copies of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report that were not returned or destroyed in 2010. Other than that, VAC's did not ask me to take any additional steps to avert any possible damage to VAC arising from the inadvertent production of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report. In fact, VAC's counsel was unable to confirm that the McAlexander Rebuttal Report was actually in Combined's possession.

18. Gruber Hurst remains willing to cooperate with VAC to ensure compliance with the Protective Order. Moreover, based on my discussion with VAC's counsel and the facts stated above, it does not appear that the inadvertent production of the McAlexander Rebuttal Report in August 2010 has caused VAC to suffer any damage.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed this 28th day of September, 2012.

  
Anthony J. Magee



**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION**

<b>T-NETIX, INC.</b>	)	
	)	
<i>Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant</i>	)	
	)	
v.	)	
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<b>VALUE-ADDED COMMUNICATIONS, INC.</b>	)	<b>Case No. 3-05-654-D</b>
	)	
<i>Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff</i>	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
<b>SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.</b>	)	
	)	
<i>Counter-Defendant</i>	)	
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**DECLARATION OF DONNA S. MANGOLD**

I, Donna S. Mangold, declare and state under the laws of perjury of the District of Columbia, as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and am competent to testify to the matters contained herein based upon my personal knowledge. This Declaration is submitted in support of *Value-Added Communications, Inc's Objections to the United States Magistrate's March 28, 2013 Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations*.

2. I am an attorney licensed to practice in the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland. I am a partner with the law firm of Cooter, Mangold, Deckelbaum & Karas, LLP., counsel for Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff Value-Added Communications, Inc. ("VAC") and admitted pro hac vice in this action.

3. VAC App. 001 - 031 is a true and correct copy of the March 28, 2013 Findings,

Conclusions, and Recommendations.

4. VAC App. 032 - 407 is a true and correct copy of the February 25, 2013 Transcript of the Show Cause Hearing.

5. VAC App. 408 - 423 is a true and correct copy of the March 3, 2006 Agreed Protective Order.

6. VAC App. 424 - 498 is a true and correct copy of the April 16, 2008 Transcript, from the Motions Hearing before the Honorable William Sanderson.

7. VAC App. 499 - 510 is a true and correct copy of the April 21, 2008 Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge.

8. VAC App. 511 - 517 is a true and correct copy of the December 14, 2012 Stephanie Clouston Declaration.

9. VAC App. 518 - 519 is a true and correct copy of the April 16, 2008 Letter from Eric Tautfest to Jeff Lowenstein.

10. VAC App. 520 is a true and correct copy of the April 17, 2008 Letter from Jeffrey Lowenstein to Stephanie Clouston.

11. VAC App. 521 is a true and correct copy of the April 18, 2008 Letter from Stephanie Clouston to Jeffrey Lowenstein.

12. VAC App. 522 - 524 is a true and correct copy of the April 18, 2008 Letter from Neil Suite to Stephanie Clouston attaching 4/16/08 letter from Tautfest to Lowenstein.

13. VAC App. 525 - 526 is a true and correct copy of the August 25, 2010 Email from Anthony Magee to Christina Ryan.

14. VAC App. 527 - 528 is a true and correct copy of the August 25, 2010 Email from Anthony Magee to Stephanie Clouston.



15. VAC App. 529 - 535 is a true and correct copy of the August 27, 2010 Letter from Anthony Magee to Joel Beres.

16. VAC App. 536 - 537 is a true and correct copy of the October 3, 2012 Letter from Jeffrey Lowenstein to Stephanie Clouston.

17. VAC App. 538 - 539 is a true and correct copy of the October 19, 2012 Letter from Stephanie Clouston to Jeffrey Lowenstein and Anthony Magee.

18. VAC App. 540 - 543 is a true and correct copy of the November 9, 2012 Letter from Anthony Magee to Dale Cooter.

19. VAC App. 544 - 545 is a true and correct copy of the November 16, 2012 Email from Kenneth Kula to Anthony Magee.

20. VAC App. 546 - 552 is a true and correct copy of the September 28, 2012 Declaration of Anthony J. Magee.

21. VAC App. 553 is a true and correct copy of the Demonstrative exhibit (prepared by David Cowen) describing copying of drive.

I swear under the penalties of perjury that the facts set forth above are true and correct and made from my personal knowledge.

Executed under the penalties of perjury of the District of Columbia on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

  
Donna S. Mangold